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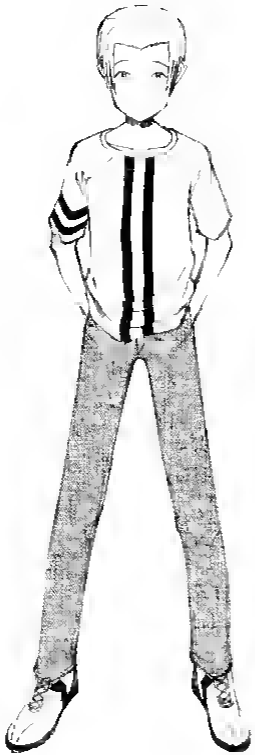
CHAPTER 13
ISAO KAKO (1)

THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY A TIMID AND COWARDLY BOY, THE OPPOSITE OF A HERO...



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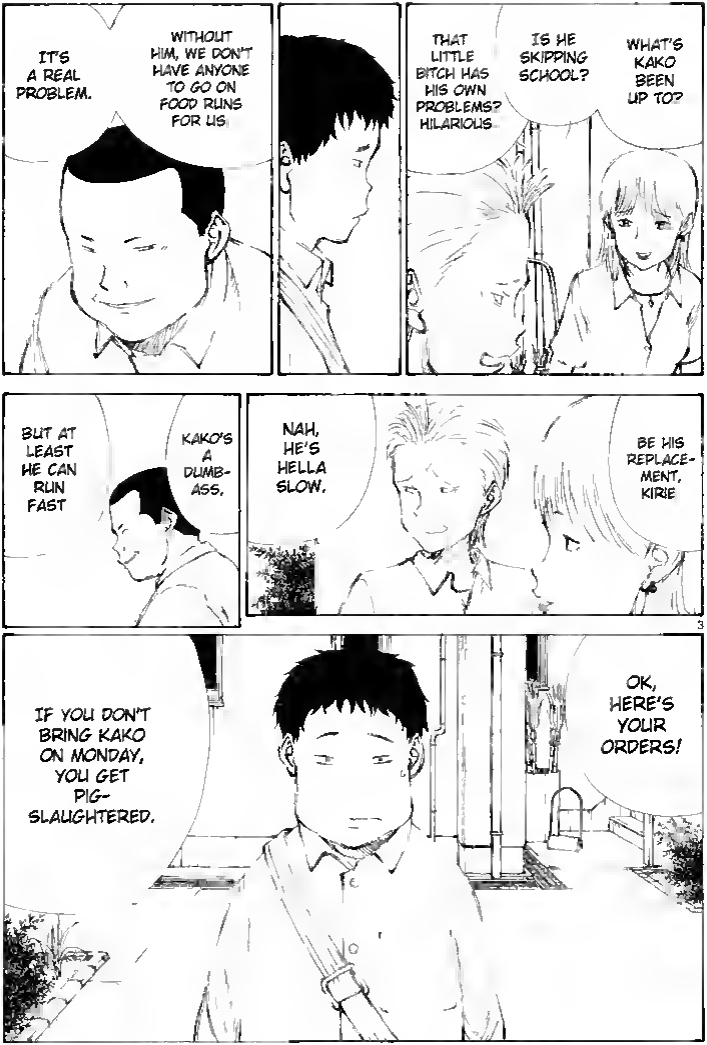
KIRIE.
HEY,
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WH..


IT'S A REAL PROBLEM.
WITHOUT HIM, WE DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO GO ON FOOD RUNS FOR US.
THAT LITTLE BITCH HAS HIS OWN PROBLEMS? HILARIOUS.
IS HE SKIPPING SCHOOL?
WHAT'S KAKO BEEN UP TO?
BUT AT LEAST HE CAN RUN FAST
KAKO'S A DUMB-ASS.
NAH, HE'S HELLA SLOW.
BE HIS REPLACE-MENT, KIRIE
IF YOU DON'T BRING KAKO ON MONDAY, YOU GET PIG-SLAUGHTERED.
OK, HERE'S YOUR ORDERS!

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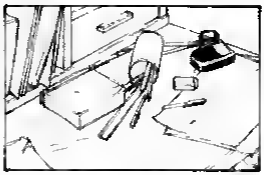

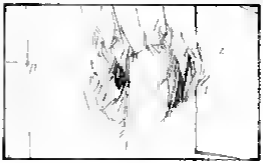

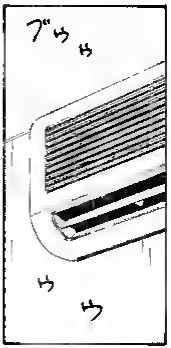
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IT'S KIRIE.
ISAO,
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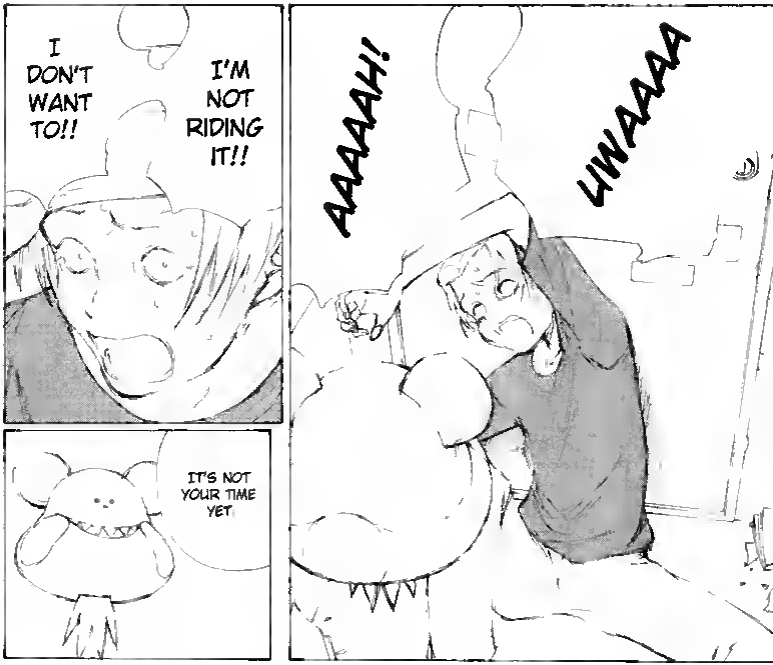
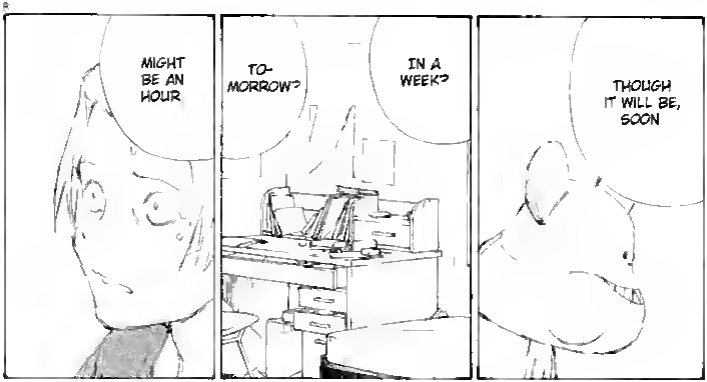
WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
WHAT?!
SO WHAT IF THEY BEAT YOU UP? ARE YOU DENSE?!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM.
N... NO.
YOU'VE BEEN LAUGHING AT ME!!
YOU'VE BEEN MAKING FUN OF ME, HAVEN'T YOU?

DON'T YOU DARE!!
DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT DYING!!
I... I DON'T WANT TO DIE, EITHER...
GET OUT! GET OUT!!
DAMMIT!
H... HERE'S THE HOME-WORK...
WHO NEEDS THAT SHIT ANYMORE?!

ME? WHY ME?
SCREW THIS...
DIE?
AM I GOING TO DIE?
WHEN?
WHEN?
YO.

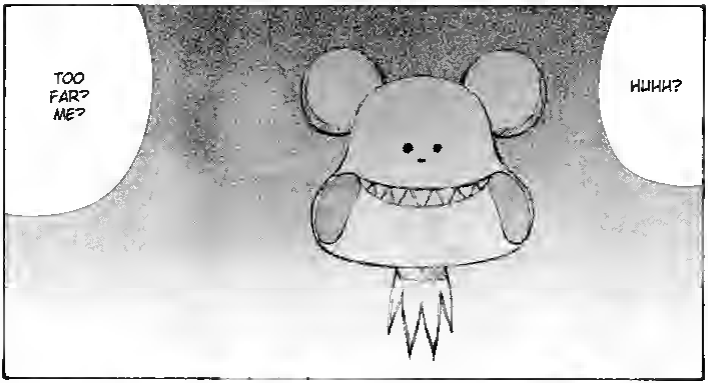

I DON'T WANT TO!!
I'M NOT RIDING IT!!
AAAAAH!
UWAAAAA
IT'S NOT YOUR TIME YET


MIGHT BE AN HOUR
TO-MORROW?
IN A WEEK?
THOUGH IT WILL BE, SOON

THE REST OF YOUR TIME WELL-SPENT.
MIGHT AS WELL MAKE

EVERYONE'S LEAVING YOU OUT OF THE LOOP
THEY'RE TALKING ON THE PHONE. HMM?
KIRIE AND HONDA HAVE BEEN REAL GOOD FRIENDS LATELY
OH, RIGHT.

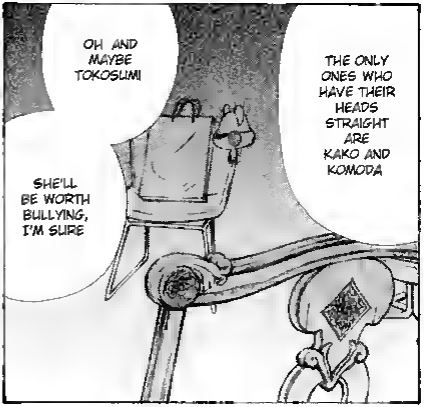
IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO DO, BETTER GET IT DONE WITH.


TOO FAR? ME?
HUHH?

THE LAST ONE WAS A MASTERPIECE
SAY WHAT YOU WILL

I WANNA SEE THEM CRYING AND BLUBBERING
WHO CARES?

THE OTHERS ALL HAVE A FEW SPRINGS LOOSE


OH AND MAYBE TOKOSUMI
SHE'LL BE WORTH BULLYING, I'M SURE
THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE THEIR HEADS STRAIGHT ARE KAKO AND KOMODA

AHH RIGHT,
HUH?
I'M SOOO SORRY YOU HAVE TO PUT UP WITH ME.
THE WATCH-DOG.
WHAT? YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME?
HUH?
NO, WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK TO EARTH?
YOUR JOB IS OVER, ISN'T IT?
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WHAT'S THAT?
DEEP LOVE?
THEY'RE STILL GOING TO DIE.
HEH,
IT WON'T CHANGE A THING.

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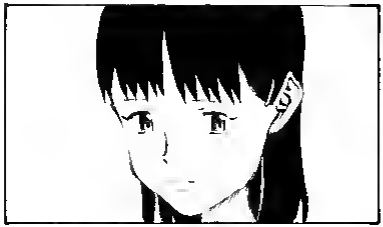

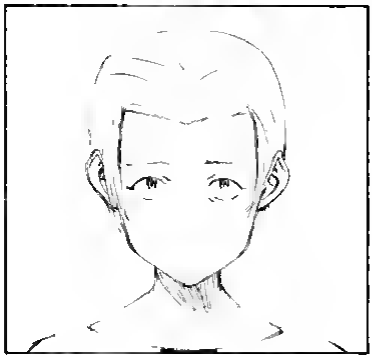

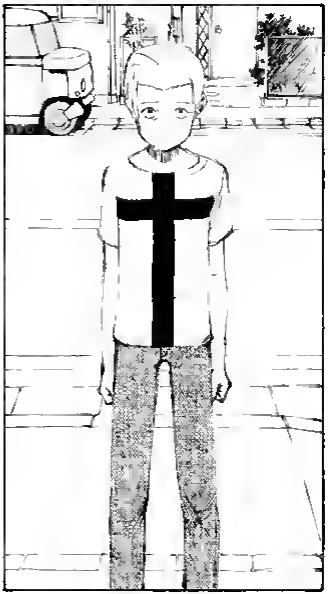

DO YOU WANT TO WAIT IN MY ROOM?
MY SISTER'S ON A DATE.
I'M SURE SHE'LL BE LATE TOO.
SO THERE'S NOBODY ELSE HOME.
AND MY MOM WORKS LATE.
DAD'S ON A BUSINESS TRIP TO CHINA.
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WOULD YOU LIKE TEA? I CAN BRING SOME SNACKS TOO, IF YOU'RE HUNGRY.
JUST SIT WHEREVER
IT MUST HAVE TAKEN A WHILE.
I'M SURPRISED YOU FOUND THIS PLACE.

AAH!!
OUCH!!
KAKO?!
WAIT...
KAKO!!

STOP IT!!
THIS ISN'T FUNNY!!

WHAT...?
YOU CAN'T
DO IT,
CAN YOU?

CARRY THAT THING?
WHY DO YOU...
AND WE'LL FIND OUT?
WHY DON'T YOU KEEP GOING,
BUT YOU WILL LOSE YOUR SOUL.
YOU WON'T LOSE YOUR BODY,
WE'RE ONLY GOING TO DIE ANYWAY, RIGHT?!
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?! WE'VE GOT NOTHING ELSE TO LOSE!!
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IT'S CRAZY!! THEY'RE ALL CRAZY!!
WHY DO THEY ALL PRETEND TO BE NORMAL?
WE'RE GOING TO DIE!! AREN'T YOU SCARED?!
NOT EVERYONE LIVES AS SIMPLE A LIFE AS YOU DO.
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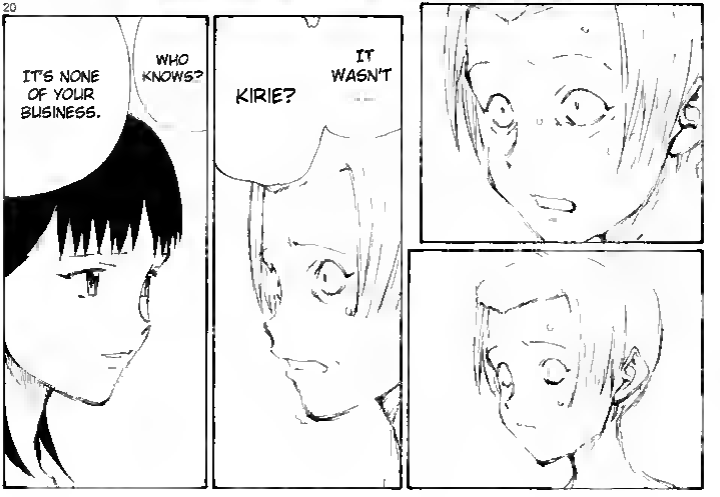
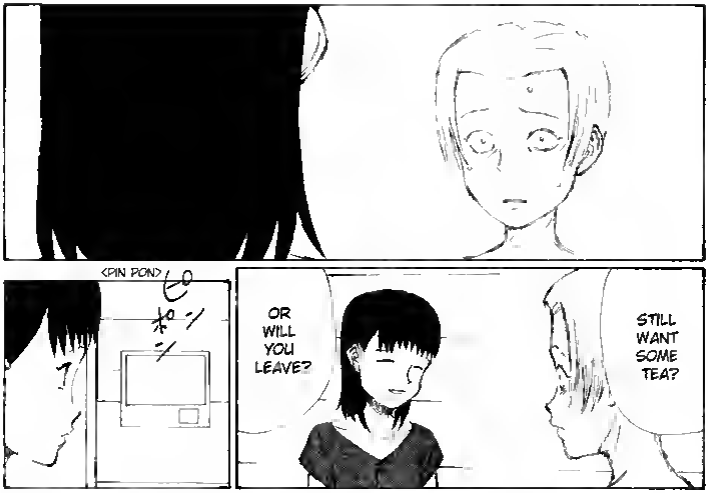
LIKE THAT TOO?
A-ARE YOU...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH DOING IT ONCE BEFORE YOU DIE?!
WHY NOT?

I ALREADY HAVE.
I DON'T NEED TO.


IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
WHO KNOWS?
KIRIE?
IT WASN'T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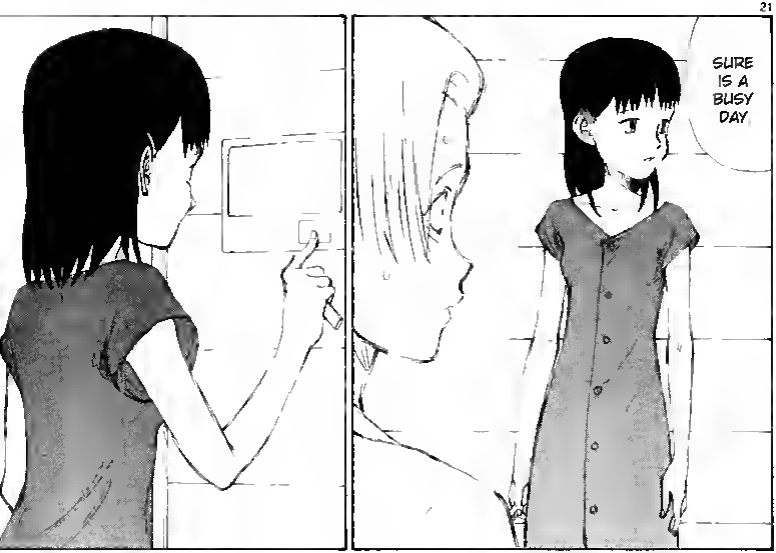
STILL WANT SOME TEA?
OR WILL YOU LEAVE?


SURE IS A BUSY DAY

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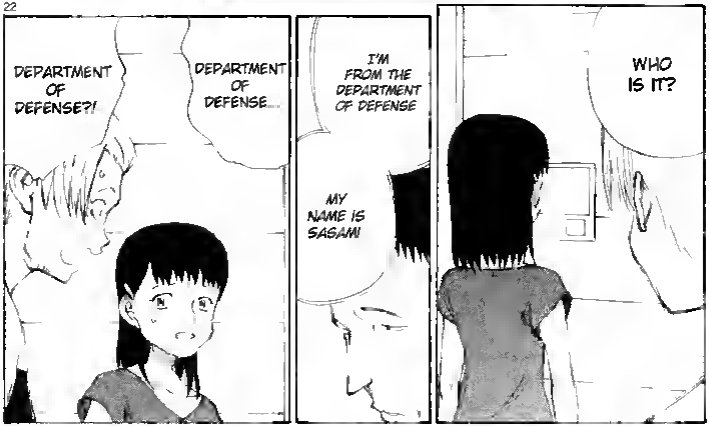
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE?!
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE...
I'M FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
MY NAME IS SASAKI
WHO IS IT?

AND ISAO KAKO, AS WELL.
WE'D LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU, MISS CHIZURU.
ABOUT THE BLACK MONSTER.

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THIS IS THE LOCATION OF THE THIRD MONSTER APPEAR-ANCE
7,000 PEOPLE DIED.

WELCOME TO YOKOTA AIR BASE.
THERE'S OUR DESTINATION
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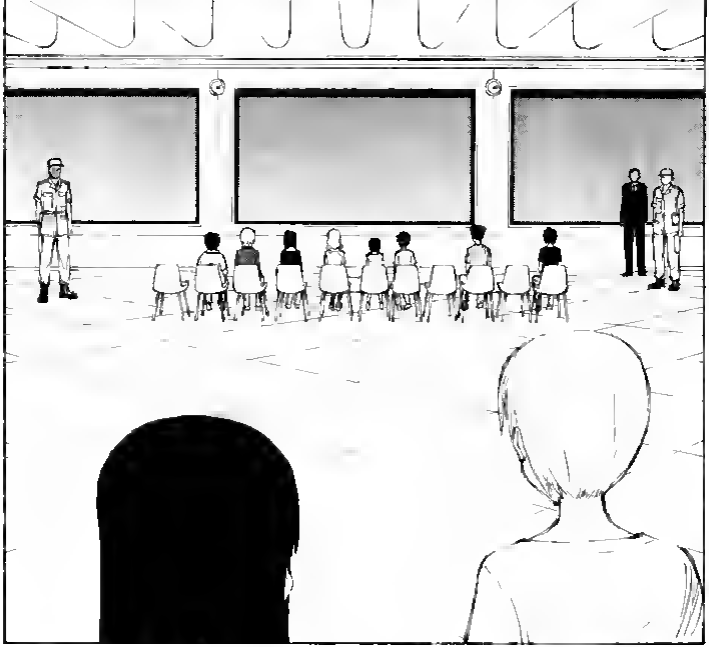
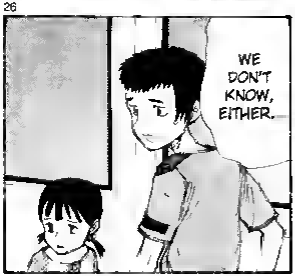
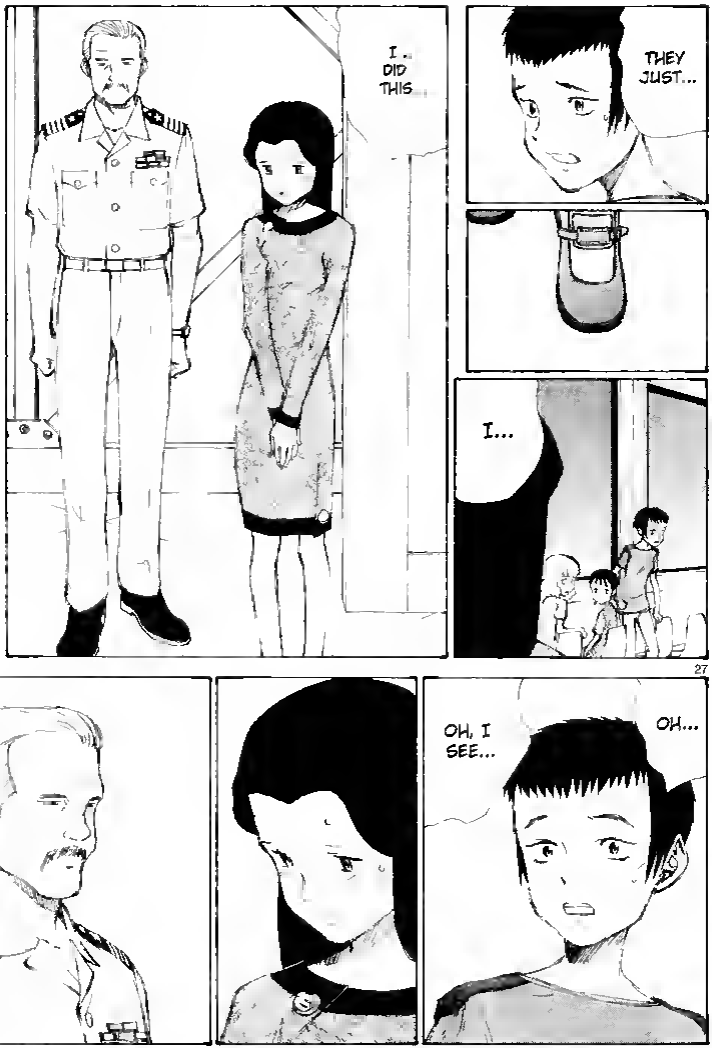
THIS WAY.



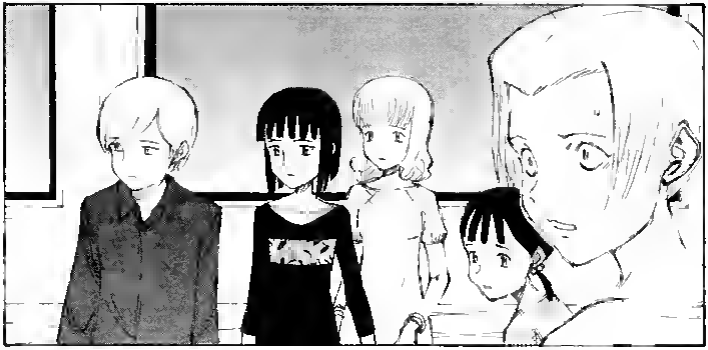

WE DON'T KNOW, EITHER.

W... WHAT THE HELL?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!


I..
DID
THIS
THEY
JUST...
I...
OH, I
SEE...
OH...

I AM TAKAMI'S FATHER,
TOMOE KOMODA. A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.

I HAVE HEARD ABOUT ALL OF YOU
FROM TAKAMI.



PROTECT-ION?
YOU WILL BE PLACED UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY COUNTERMEASURES, AS CLASS A VIPS.
WE COULD TAKE STEPS TO DEAL WITH IT.
IF WE HAD ANY CLUE OF WHERE THE MONSTER WILL APPEAR,
WE HAVEN'T BEEN SITTING HERE WITH OUR ARMS FOLDED THE WHOLE TIME.
YES,
SO DON'T WORRY.
WE'LL HANDLE THE REST.
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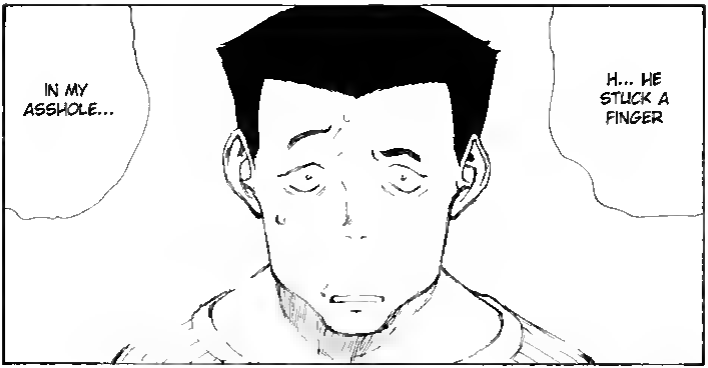
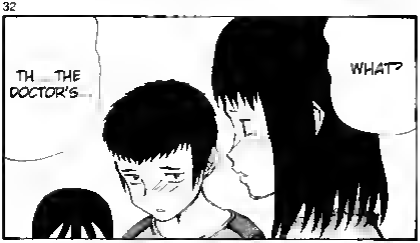
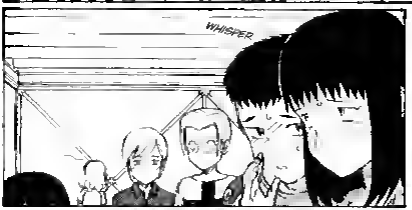
SO THAT IT WON'T BE USED WITHOUT AUTHOR-IZATION.
HAS ALSO BEEN PUT UNDER GOVERNMENT MANAGE-MENT.
THIS BLACK ROBOT YOU CALL ZEARTH

W.. WE'RE GONNA BE SAVED?
THE FIRST THING YOU WILL DO..
..IS UNDERGO A SIMPLE INTERROGATION AND PHYSICAL INSPECTION
PHYSICAL INSPECT-ION?
WHY WOULD WE DO THAT?!
THINK OF THIS AS AN ORDER.
IT'S YOUR DUTY AS A CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY

M... ME TOO?
WHAT?
YOU TOO.
OF COURSE.
WE'LL HAVE YOU CHANGE CLOTHES IN THIS ROOM,
ONE BY ONE...


IN MY ASSHOLE...
H... HE STUCK A FINGER


TH... THE DOCTOR'S...
WHAT?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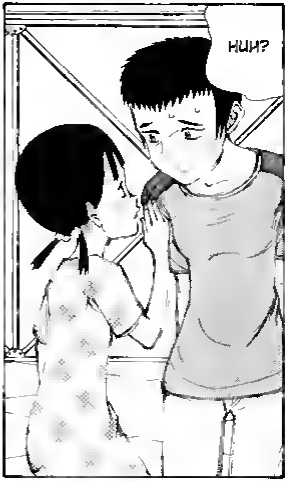
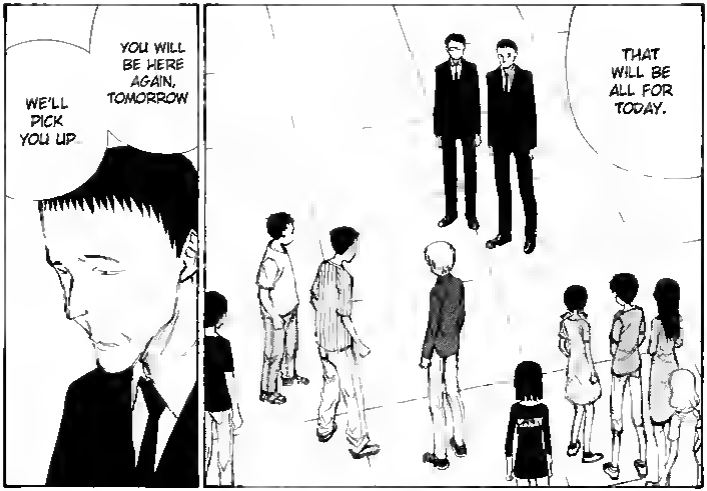
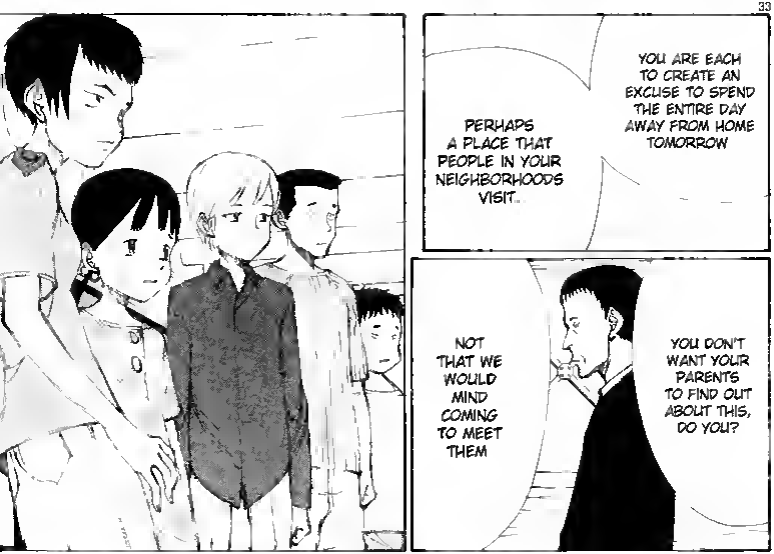

HUH?

AN... OLD MAN...


YOU WILL BE HERE AGAIN, TOMORROW
WE'LL PICK YOU UP.
THAT WILL BE ALL FOR TODAY.


PERHAPS A PLACE THAT PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS VISIT..
YOU ARE EACH TO CREATE AN EXCUSE TO SPEND THE ENTIRE DAY AWAY FROM HOME TOMORROW
NOT THAT WE WOULD MIND COMING TO MEET THEM
YOU DON'T WANT YOUR PARENTS TO FIND OUT ABOUT THIS, DO YOU?

YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND
THAT MAKES IT SOUND LIKE WE'RE CRIMINALS ...
KEEP THAT IN MIND.
YOU WILL BE OBSERVED FOR THE FOLLOWING 24 HOURS.
HAVE DIED.
10,000 JAPANESE CITIZENS
CAN EASILY MULTIPLY THAT NUMBER.
ONE CARELESS ACTION FROM YOU

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CHAPTER 14
ISAO KAKO (2)

THE PRESSURE OF BEING CHOSEN AS A PILOT SLOWLY EATS AWAY THE BOY'S MIND...

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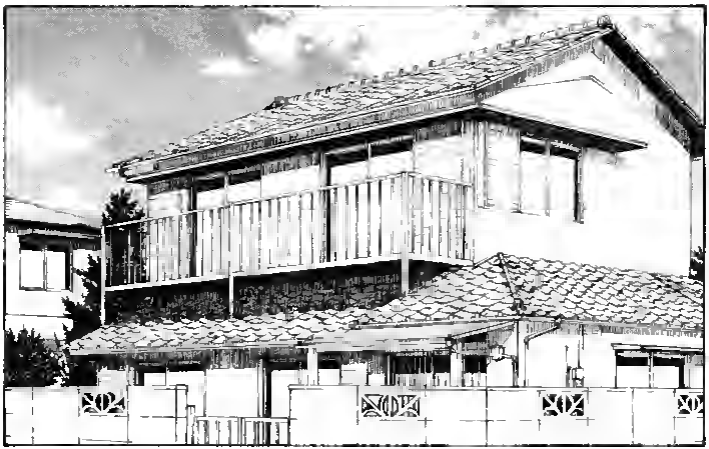

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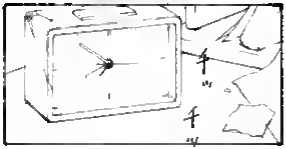
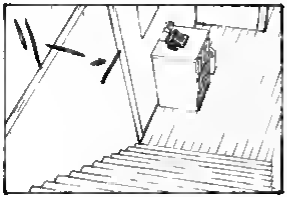
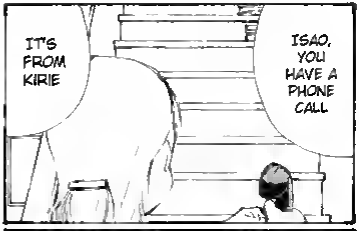
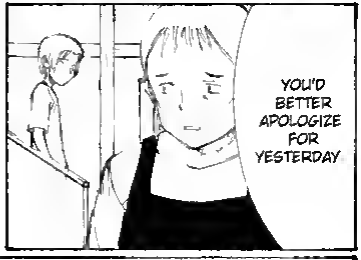




YEAH.
YEAH.


IT'S FROM KIRIE
ISAO, YOU HAVE A PHONE CALL


YOU'D BETTER APOLOGIZE FOR YESTERDAY

NO, I'M NOT.
.....

ARE YOU GOING OUT?

IT'S NOTHING!!
IT'S SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE GOT SOME KIND OF...
ISAO... IS SOMETHING THE MATTER WITH YOU LATELY?
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE.
ANYWAYS, RIGHT?
YOU'VE ALWAYS LET HIM DO WHAT HE WANTS,

NEITHER AM I!!
I'M NOT GOING!!
WHY DON'T WE ALL GO OUT SOME-WHERE?
IF YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO DO TODAY,
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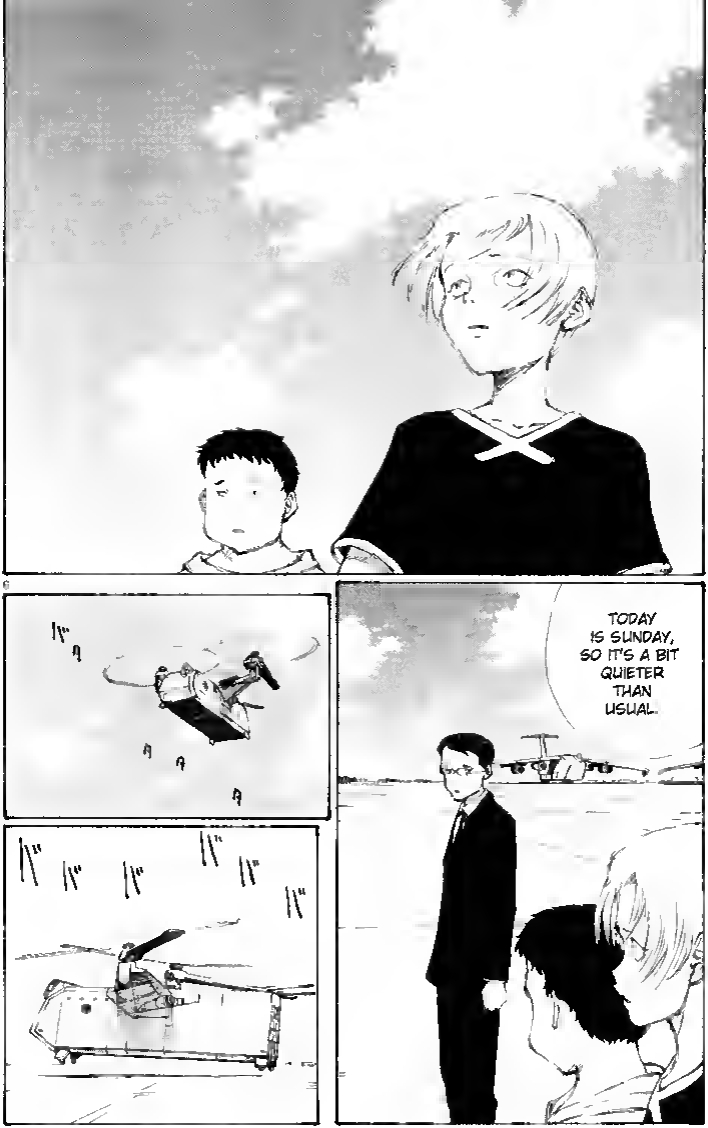
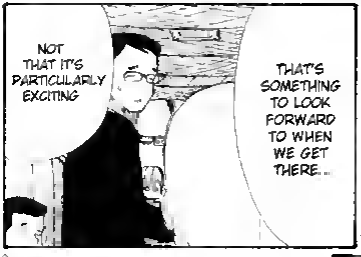
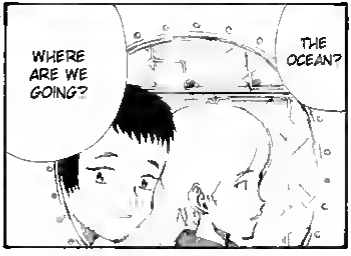
I'M GOING OUT!!
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO DO!!
THEY SAID IT'S GOING TO RAIN THIS AFTERNOON
YOU SHOULD JUST STAY HOME AND RELAX, DEAR
DAMMIT!!

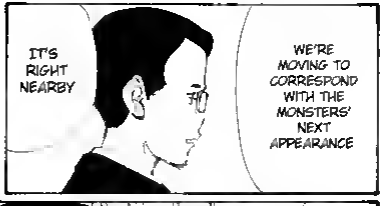

TODAY IS SUNDAY, SO IT'S A BIT QUIETER THAN USUAL.

LET'S JUST SAY WE'RE MOVING YOU AROUND...
WELL, THERE ARE SEVERAL COMPLICATED REASONS...
ARE WE DOING THAT?
WHY
WE'RE GOING TO FLY TO ANOTHER LOCATION.
GET INTO THE HELICOPTER OVER THERE.


NOT THAT IT'S PARTICULARLY EXCITING
THAT'S SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN WE GET THERE...


WHERE ARE WE GOING?
THE OCEAN?

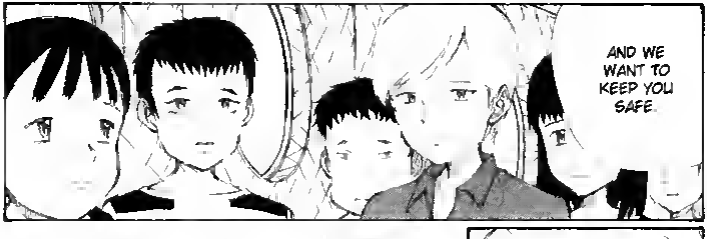
WE ARE TREATING THIS MATTER AS THE NATION'S TOP PRIORITY

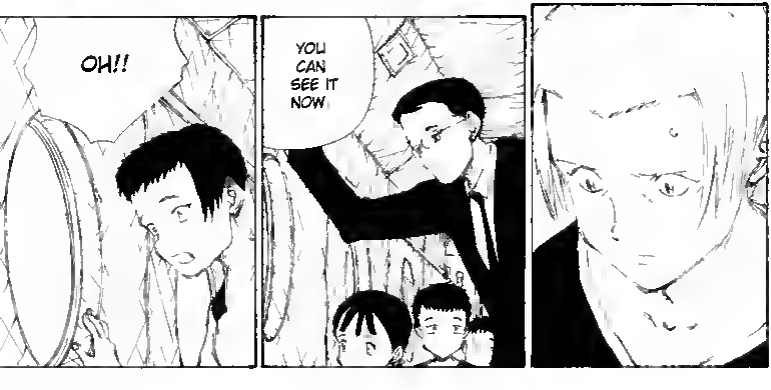

IT'S RIGHT NEARBY
WE'RE MOVING TO CORRESPOND WITH THE MONSTERS' NEXT APPEARANCE

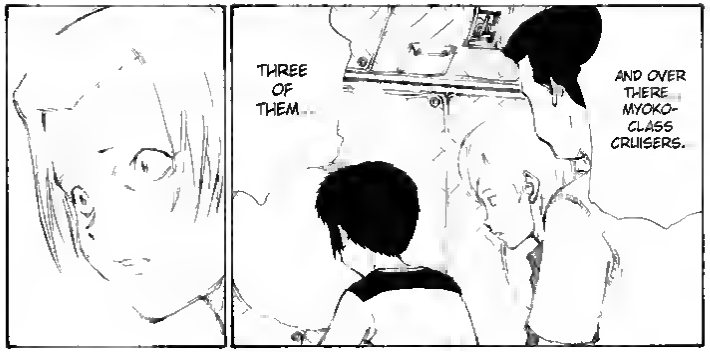
MOVING?

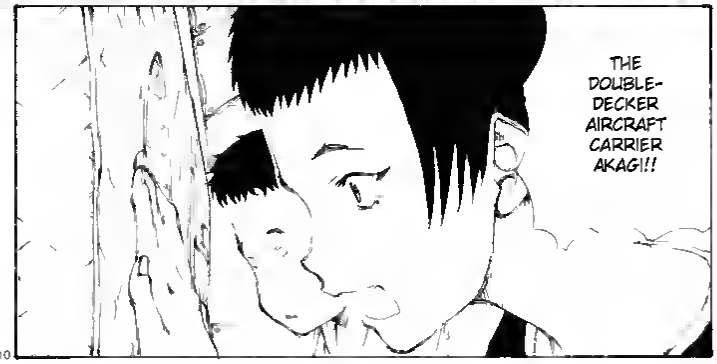
THE FINAL NUMBERS FOR THOSE TWO WILL PROBABLY END UP HIGHER THAN THAT
THE FOURTH, 4,384
THE THIRD HAD 7,511
THAT WOULD BE YOUR FRIEND.
THE FIRST HAD NO CASUALTIES, THE SECOND HAD ONE

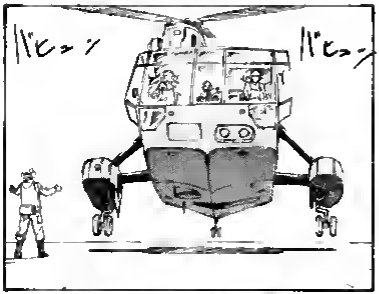
WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE DEATH TOLLS AS LOW AS POSSIBLE, AS WITH THE FIFTH TIME.
MIRACULOUSLY, THE FIFTH APPEARANCE ONLY HAD ONE CASUALTY.


AND WE WANT TO KEEP YOU SAFE.


OH!!
YOU CAN SEE IT NOW.


THREE OF THEM...
AND OVER THERE MYOKO-CLASS CRUISERS.


THE DOUBLE-DECKER AIRCRAFT CARRIER AKAGI!!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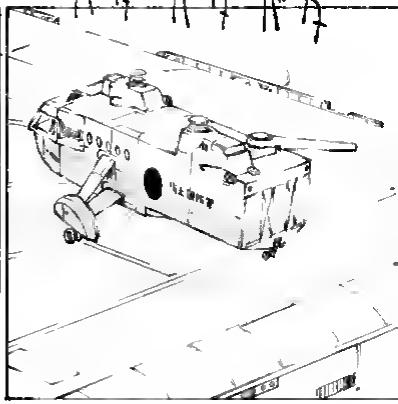
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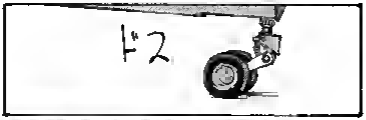
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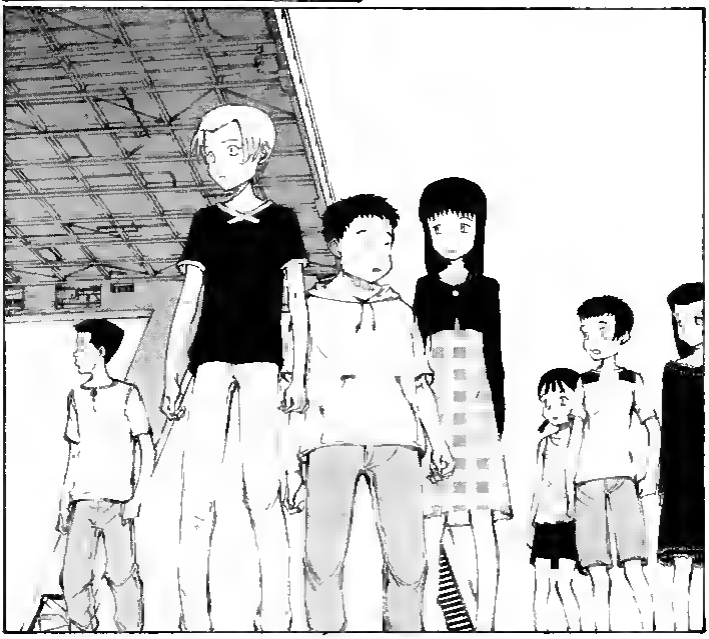

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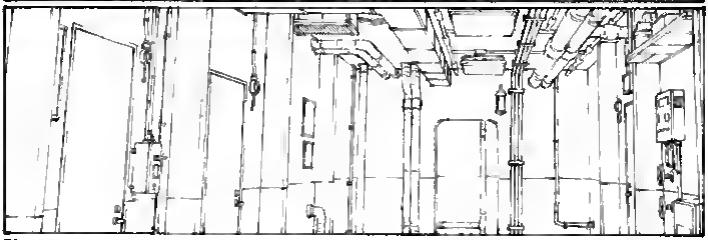
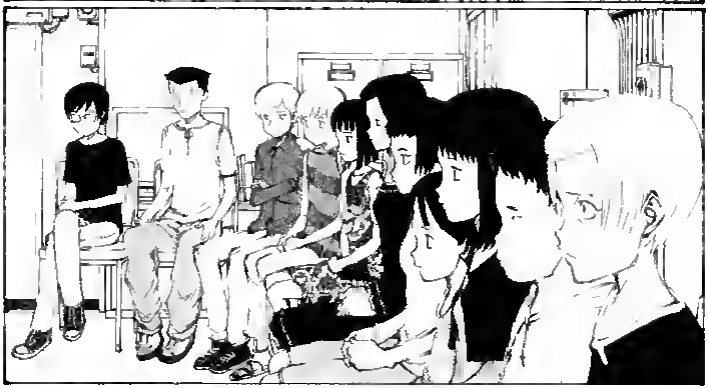
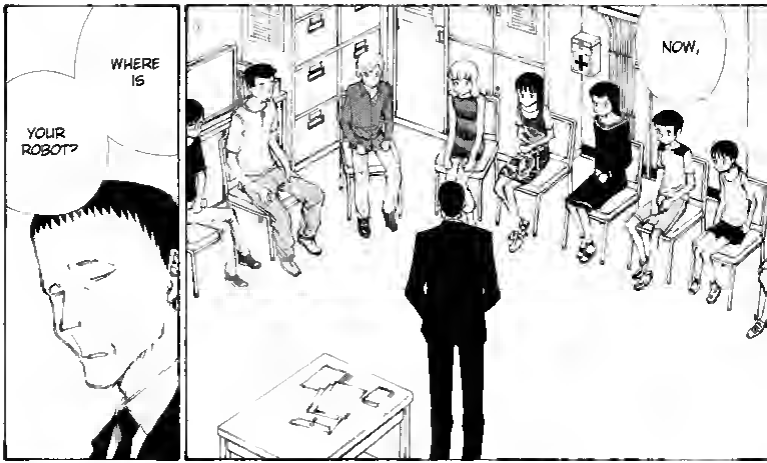
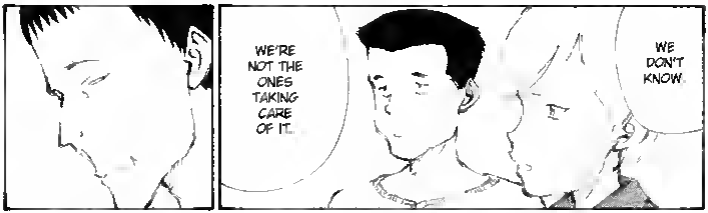


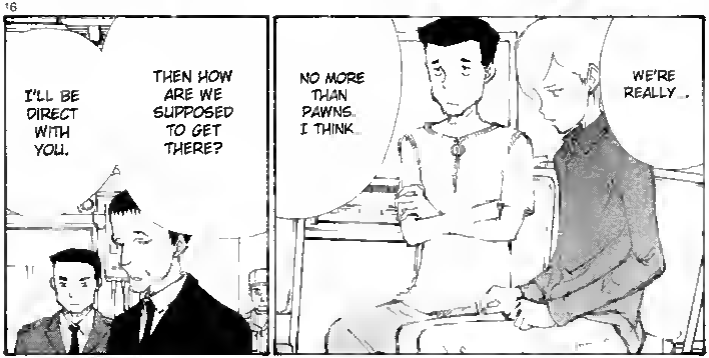


THESE OFFICERS WILL BE REPRESENTING THE THREE DIFFERENT ARMED FORCES IN CONNECTION TO YOU.

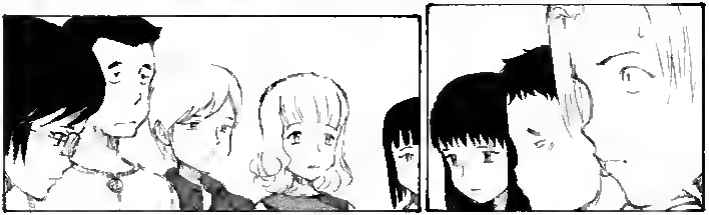
CAPTAIN MISUMI TANAKA.
CAPTAIN MASAMITSU SEKI.
CAPTAIN KUNIO SHOJI.
IF THERE'S ANY TROUBLE YOU'RE HAVING, PLEASE TELL US.
WE'LL DO WHATEVER WE CAN.
THEY'LL OFFER YOU EXTENSIVE DAILY SUPPORT.

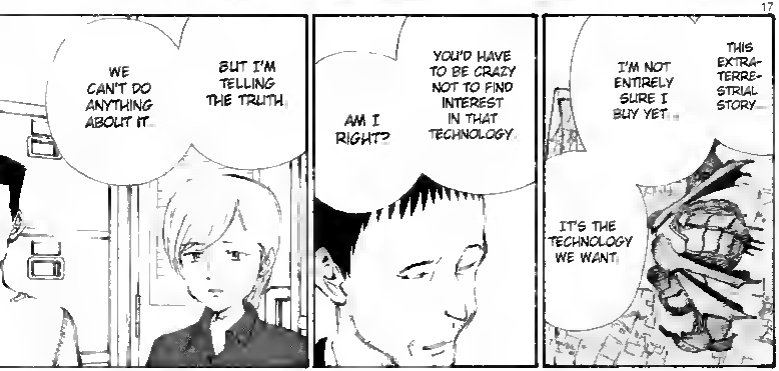

WHERE IS YOUR ROBOT?
NOW,


WE'RE NOT THE ONES TAKING CARE OF IT.
WE DON'T KNOW.


I'LL BE DIRECT WITH YOU.
THEN HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET THERE?
NO MORE THAN PAWNS. I THINK.
WE'RE REALLY...

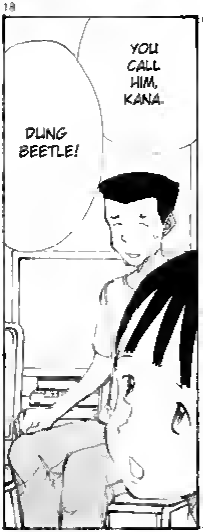
THIS ROBOT.
WE WANT TO EXAMINE

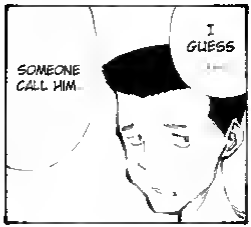


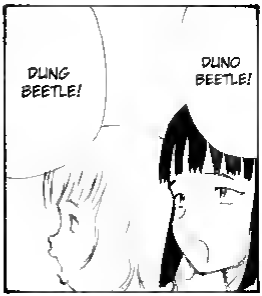

WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
BUT I'M TELLING THE TRUTH.
AM I RIGHT?
YOU'D HAVE TO BE CRAZY NOT TO FIND INTEREST IN THAT TECHNOLOGY.
I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE I BUY YET...
THIS EXTRA-TERRE-STRIAL STORY...
IT'S THE TECHNOLOGY WE WANT.

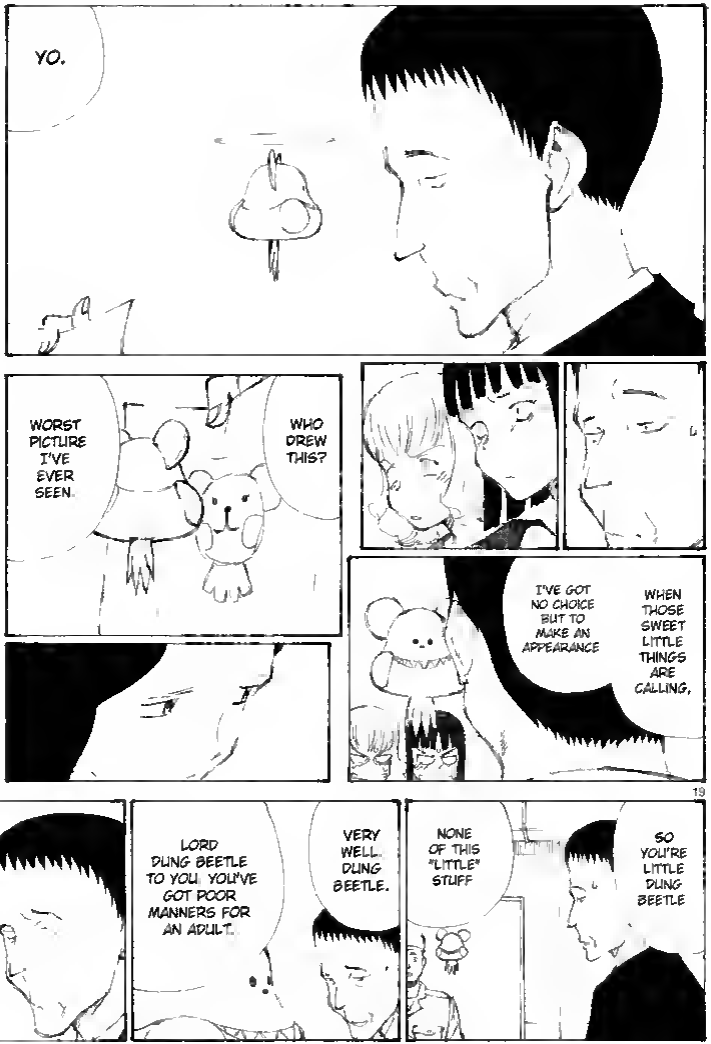
IS THAT TRUE?
OR SO I'M TOLD...
THAT APPEARS WHEN YOU CALL IT.

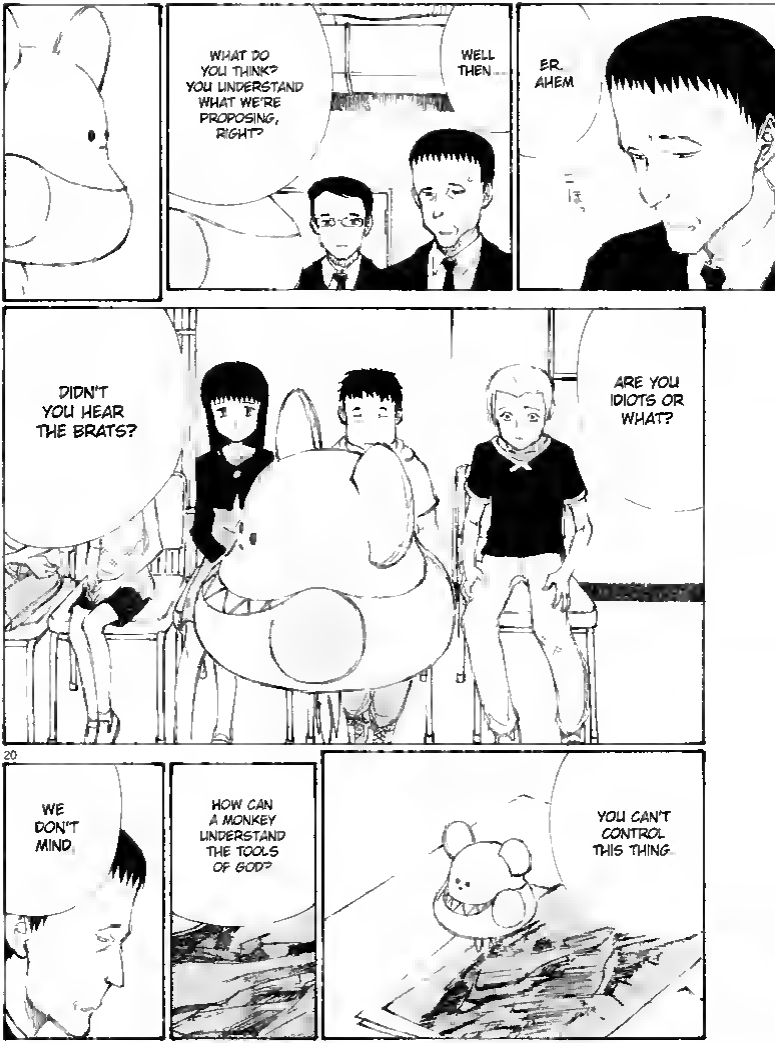
CREATURE KNOWN AS "DUNG BEETLE"?
AND THIS,


DUNG BEETLE!
YOU CALL HIM, KANA.


SOMEONE CALL HIM...
I GUESS...


DUNG BEETLE!
DUNG BEETLE!

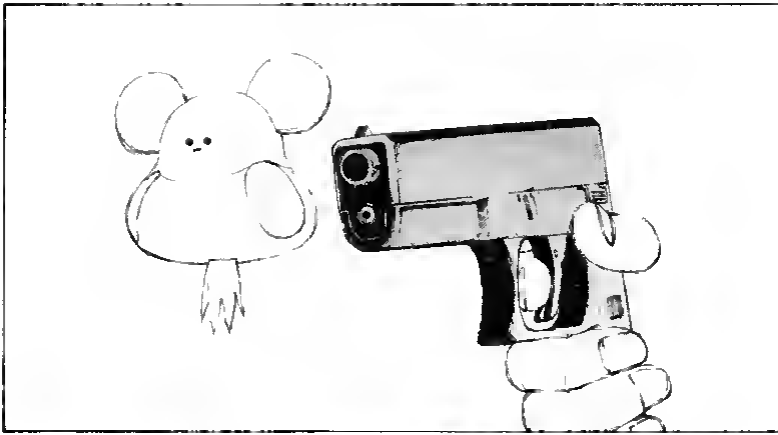

YO.
WHO DREW THIS?
WORST PICTURE I'VE EVER SEEN.
I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE
WHEN THOSE SWEET LITTLE THINGS ARE CALLING,
SO YOU'RE LITTLE DUNG BEETLE
NONE OF THIS "LITTLE" STUFF
VERY WELL, DUNG BEETLE.
LORD DUNG BEETLE TO YOU. YOU'VE GOT POOR MANNERS FOR AN ADULT.

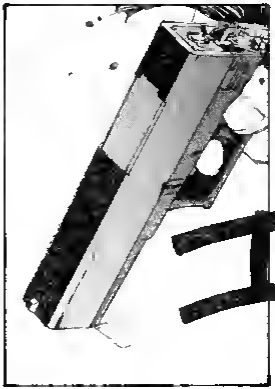

WHAT DO YOU THINK? YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING, RIGHT?
WELL THEN...
ER, AHEM
DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE BRATS?
ARE YOU IDIOTS OR WHAT?
WE DON'T MIND.
HOW CAN A MONKEY UNDERSTAND THE TOOLS OF GOD?
YOU CAN'T CONTROL THIS THING.

AS LONG AS WE CAN MAKE A DEAL,
WITH YOU... YOUR PEOPLE.
MY PEOPLE? A DEAL?
ME REPRESENTING THE OTHER PLANET?
YES.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND A THING.
IF THAT WAS TRUE, I'D USE MY "EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL" TECHNOLOGY,
AND TURN THIS PLANET INTO A COLONY.
I COULD SIMPLY KILL YOU ALL

I SAID A BIT TOO MUCH.
22
YOU'D BETTER FIND A DIFFERENT PLAN
IF YOU W..NT TO FIGHT WITH THEM,
WHAT WAS IT AMERICA? RUSSIA?
GIVE IT UP.
WELL, THEM'S THE BREAKS
ON ANOTHER MAN'S WEAPONS.
DON'T RELY

GO ON, JUST PLAY NICELY WITH THE KIDS
SO THAT'S THE WHOLE SITUATION
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE ME WITH YOU?
GO ON, TAKE A LOOK
WHO PROVOKES AN ENEMY WITHOUT KNOWING HIS STRENGTH?
YOU, FELLA, ARE SIMPLY BEYOND HELP
HEY! KNOCK IT OFF!!





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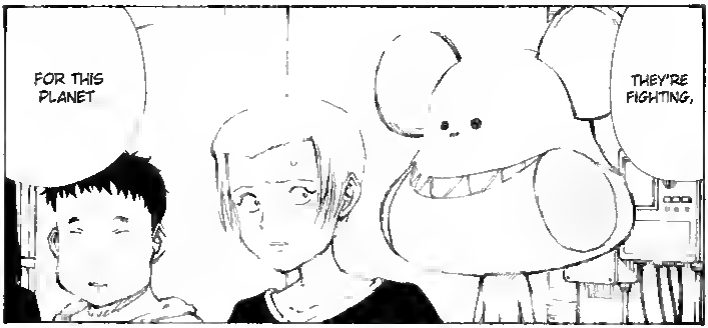
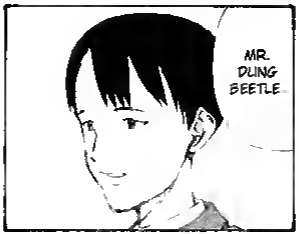
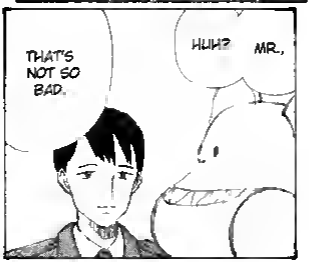
THAT'S GOING TOO FAR!!
DUNG BEETLE!!
GET HIM TO THE INFIRM-ARY!!
HOW'D YOU LIKE THE TRIP?
HYAAAA!!

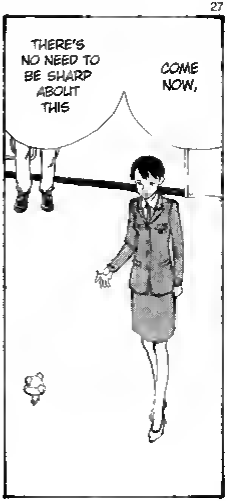
YOU'RE SOLDIERS! KEEP THAT IN MIND!!
DON'T LET THIS GET TO YOU!!
I DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR OPINIONS
WHAT?
AND I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S A NORMAL THING TO WANT TO INVESTIGATE ANYTHING RELATED TO IT.
BUT IT IS OUR COUNTRY THAT'S TAKING THE DAMAGE.
I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT.
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH COUNTRIES.
BUT THEY AIN'T FIGHTIN' ON SUCH A PUNY LEVEL.
SMOOTH, YOU ARE
HA HA HA.


FOR THIS PLANET
THEY'RE FIGHTING,
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.
HMM?
BY THAT LOGIC, EVERYONE ON THIS GLOBE IS ENTITLED TO EXAMINE IT.
THIS PLANET IS TAKING THE DAMAGE, RIGHT?

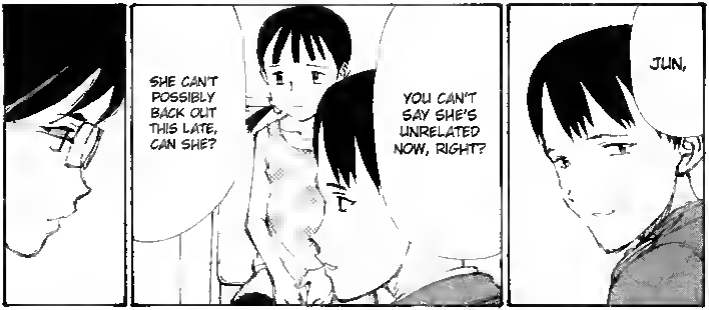
THESE CHILDREN ARE PILOTING THE ROBOT.

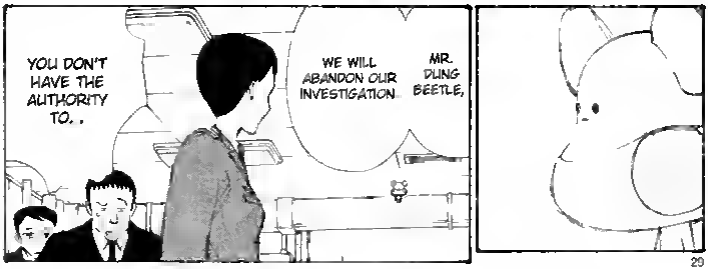

MR. DUNG BEETLE.


HUH?
MR.,
THAT'S NOT SO BAD.


THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SHARP ABOUT THIS
COME NOW,

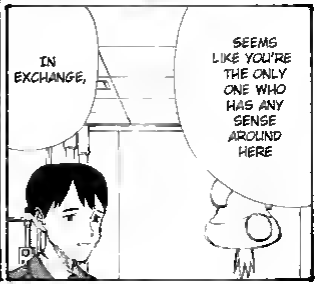
YES.
YOU GOT ANY KIDS?
SURELY WE CAN BE ALLOWED TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING, CAN'T WE?
IF IT'S OUR CHILDREN WHO ARE RIDING THIS ROBOT AND REPRESENTING THE EARTH,
IN 4TH GRADE, JUST LIKE THIS GIRL.
ONE DAUGHTER, 10 YEARS OLD,
KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT...!
HEY
SHE DIDN'T SIGN THE CONTRACT, REMEMBER?
YOU'VE GOT A POINT
HMPH.

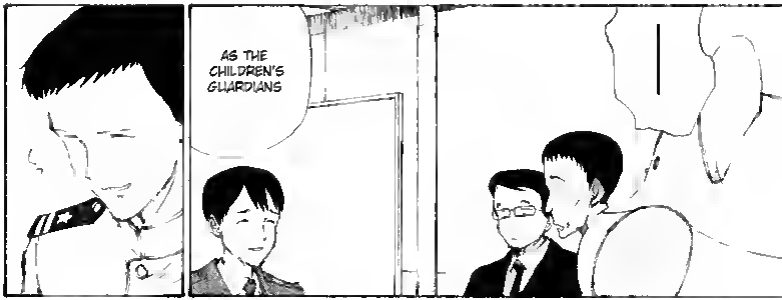

SHE CAN'T POSSIBLY BACK OUT THIS LATE, CAN SHE?
YOU CAN'T SAY SHE'S UNRELATED NOW, RIGHT?
JUN,

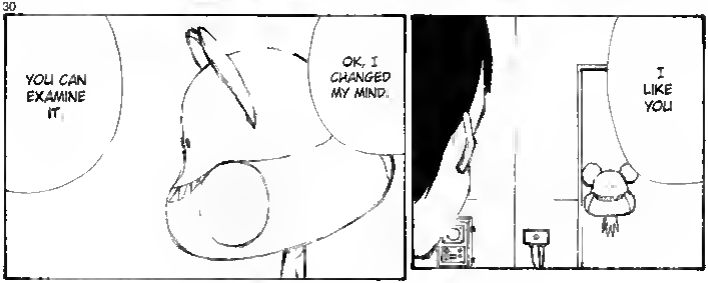

YOU DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO. .
WE WILL ABANDON OUR INVESTIGATION.
MR. DUNG BEETLE,

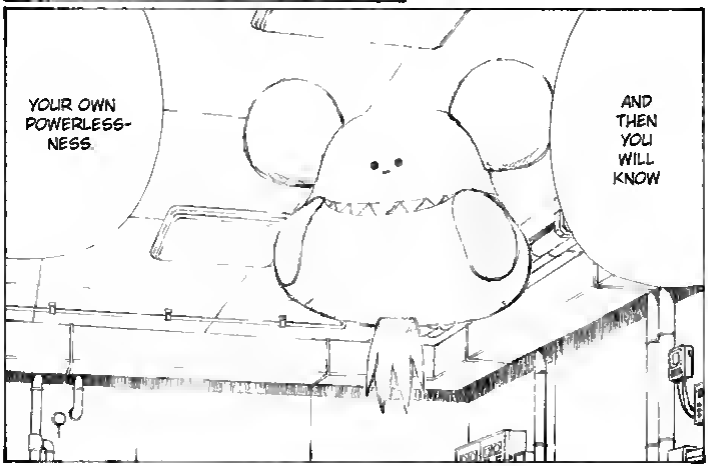
AT LEAST LET US SEE IT.

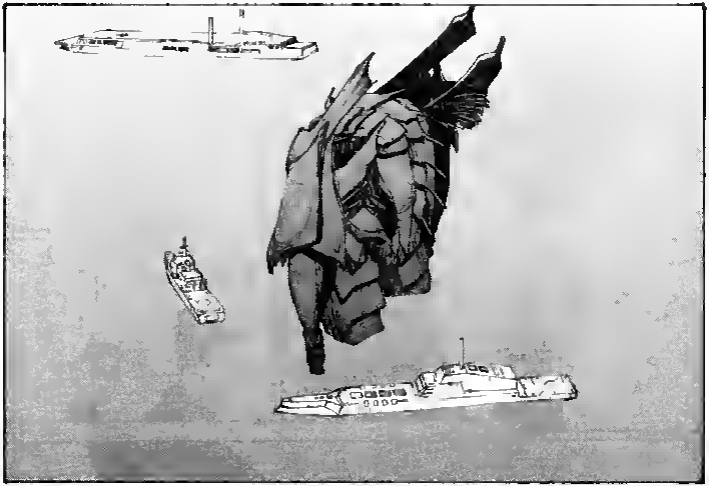
WE'RE ONLY IN A POSITION TO ASK, NOT DEMAND


IN EXCHANGE,
SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS ANY SENSE AROUND HERE


AS THE CHILDREN'S GUARDIANS


YOU CAN EXAMINE IT.
OK, I CHANGED MY MIND.
I LIKE YOU


YOUR OWN POWERLESS-NESS.
AND THEN YOU WILL KNOW



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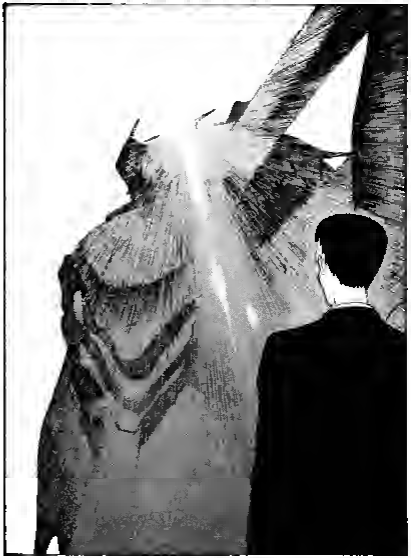

THE INVESTIGATION SQUAD IS ALL READY.
A BOY'S DREAM...
WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
NO... NOTHING.
WHAT WAS THAT?
ALL RIGHT,
LET'S BEGIN.

Waku Takashi
(Waku)

Isao Kako
(Kako)

Daiichi Yamura
(Daichi)

Masaru Kodaka
(Kodama)

Kanji Yoshikawa
(Kanji)

Yasuhiko Meji
(Meji)

Jun Ushiro
(Ushiro)

Yosuke Kirie
(Kirie)

Nako Nakarai
(Nakarai)

Aiko Tokosumi
(Anko)

Yoko Machi
(Machi)

Chizuru Honda
(Chizu)

Takami Komoda
(Komo)

Maki Ano
(Maki)

Kana Ushiro
(Kana)

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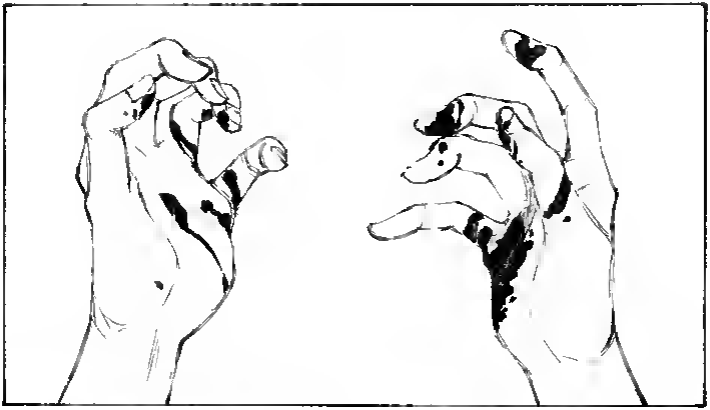
CHAPTER 15
ISAO KAKO (3)

THE BOY GOES MAD THINKING ABOUT DEATH. BUT TIME WAITS FOR NO MAN...

鬼頭莫宏
Kito Mohiro



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AAH...
YOU ALWAYS,
ALWAYS, ALWAYS
MAKE FUN OF ME!!
TH...
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!!
3
TAKE OFF YOUR GODDAMN CLOTHES!!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE TOO,
EEEK...
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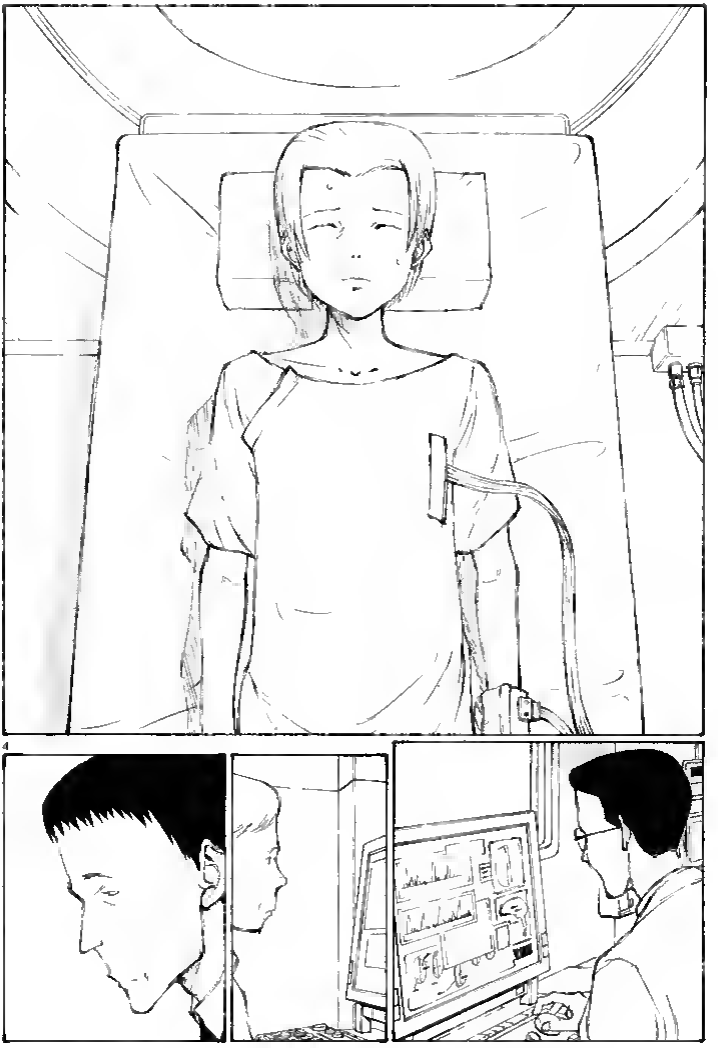
HUH...?
YOU TOO...
T-TAKE THEM OFF



THE SAME AS THE OTHER CHILDREN
HOW DOES HE LOOK?
WE CAN'T SAY ANYTHING FOR SURE WITHOUT A CLOSER LOOK AT THE DATA
OF COURSE,
THERE'S NOTHING IN PARTICULAR THAT STANDS OUT.
I MEAN,

IF THERE'S NO WAY I'LL SURVIVE,
IF I'M GOING TO DIE NO MATTER WHAT,
WHO CARES WHAT I DO?
WHY DENY MYSELF WHAT I WANT?
YOU SEE? THIS IS WHY
YOU'RE A FAILURE.
SIS...
YOU TOO...
YOU ALWAYS RIDICULED ME...

YOU BITCH...
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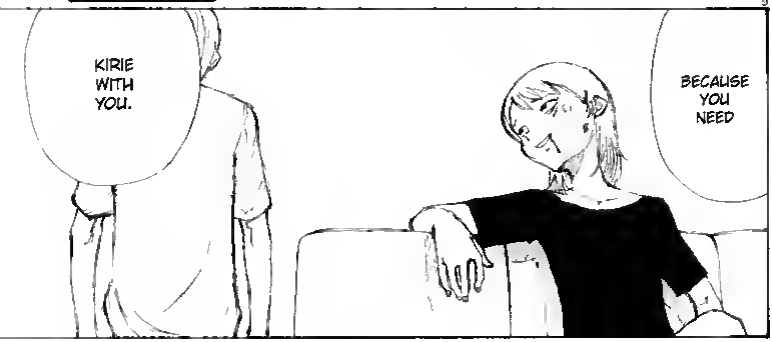
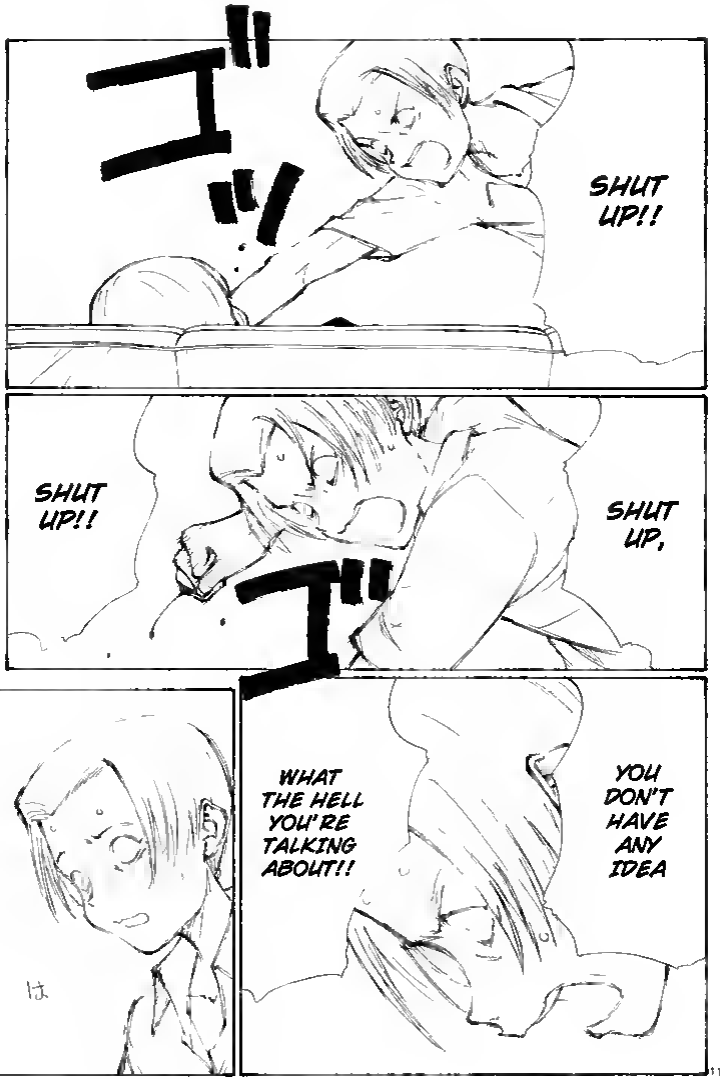
YOU BITCH
YOU BITCH!!
YOU BITCH, YOU BITCH,
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, DEAR?

IF YOU'VE GOT SOME KIND OF PROBLEM
JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE
YOU KEEP SPOILING HIM
THAT'S WHY HE'S SO SELFISH
HE'S NOT WORTH IT.
HE WON'T ADMIT TO HIS BAD QUALITIES BECAUSE IT MAKES HIM LOOK STUPID,
SO HE JUST SITS BACK AND HOPES THAT OTHER PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND HIM.

IT WAS THE SAME WHEN YOU INVITED KIRIE TO THAT SUMMER SCHOOL...
YOU'RE SO SELFISH,
AND YOU CAN'T DO A THING ON YOUR OWN.
AND IT LEADS TO THIS.
YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THAT...
YOU'RE SCARED NOW...
SEE?


KIRIE WITH YOU.
BECAUSE YOU NEED

KIRIE'S FAR MORE RESPONSIBLE THAN YOU ARE.
AND YOU KNOW IT
YOU PICKED HIM OUT SO YOU COULD PROVE YOUR SUPERIORITY, AND HE'S STILL BETTER THAN YOU
YOU STUPID LITTLE CHILD.
AS LONG AS YOU JUDGE PEOPLE SO RIGIDLY,
YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE THAT CYCLE
THAT'S WHY KIRIE GOT CHIZU,
AND YOU DIDN'T.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SHUT UP!!
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WHAT THE HELL YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!!
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA
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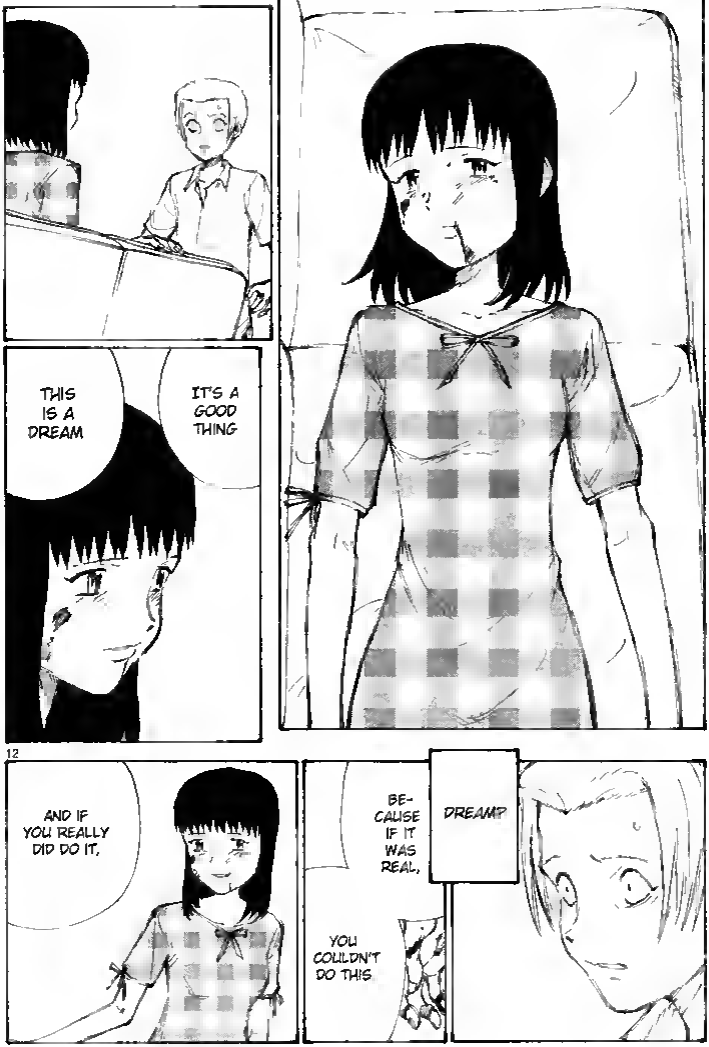
THIS IS A DREAM
IT'S A GOOD THING
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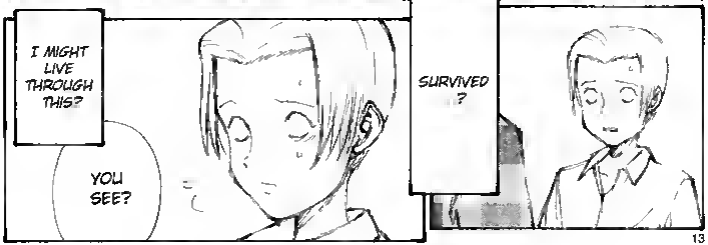
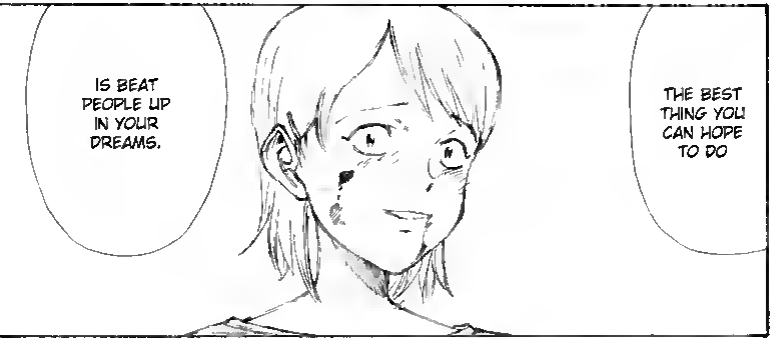
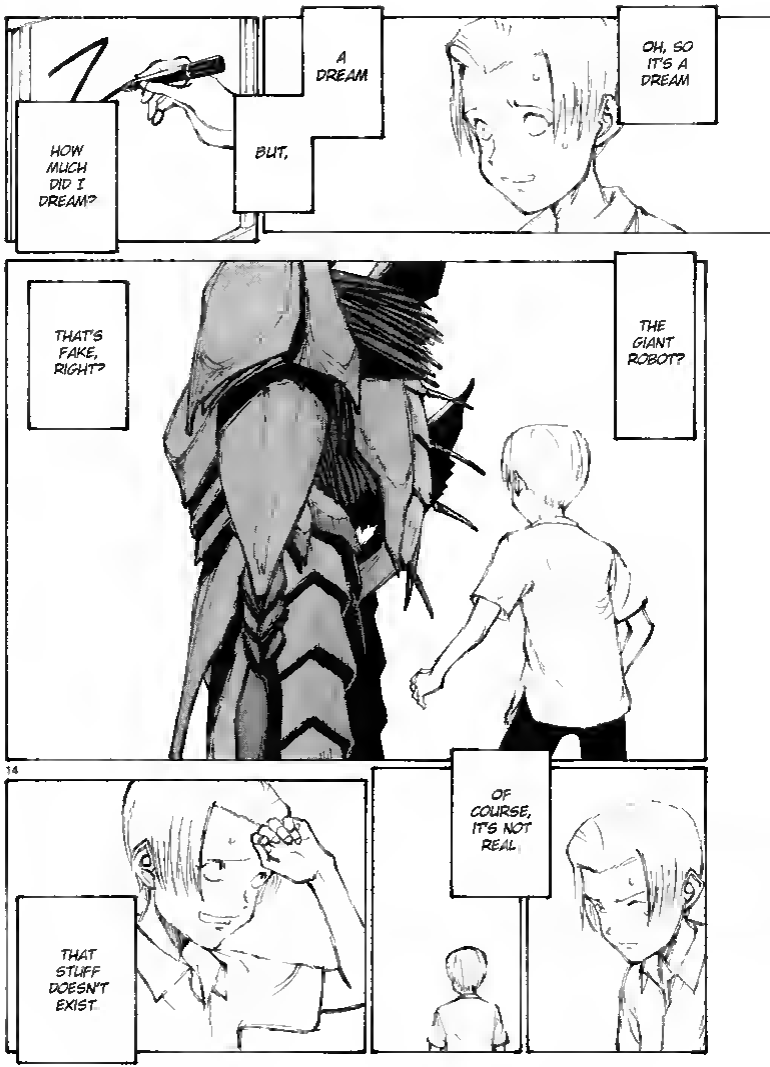
AND IF YOU REALLY DID DO IT,
BE-CAUSE IF IT WAS REAL,
YOU COULDN'T DO THIS
DREAM?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO THEN?
AND THEN YOU SURVIVED,


I MIGHT LIVE THROUGH THIS?
YOU SEE?
SURVIVED ?


IS BEAT PEOPLE UP IN YOUR DREAMS.
THE BEST THING YOU CAN HOPE TO DO


HOW MUCH DID I DREAM?
A DREAM
BUT,
OH, SO IT'S A DREAM
THAT'S FAKE, RIGHT?
THE GIANT ROBOT?
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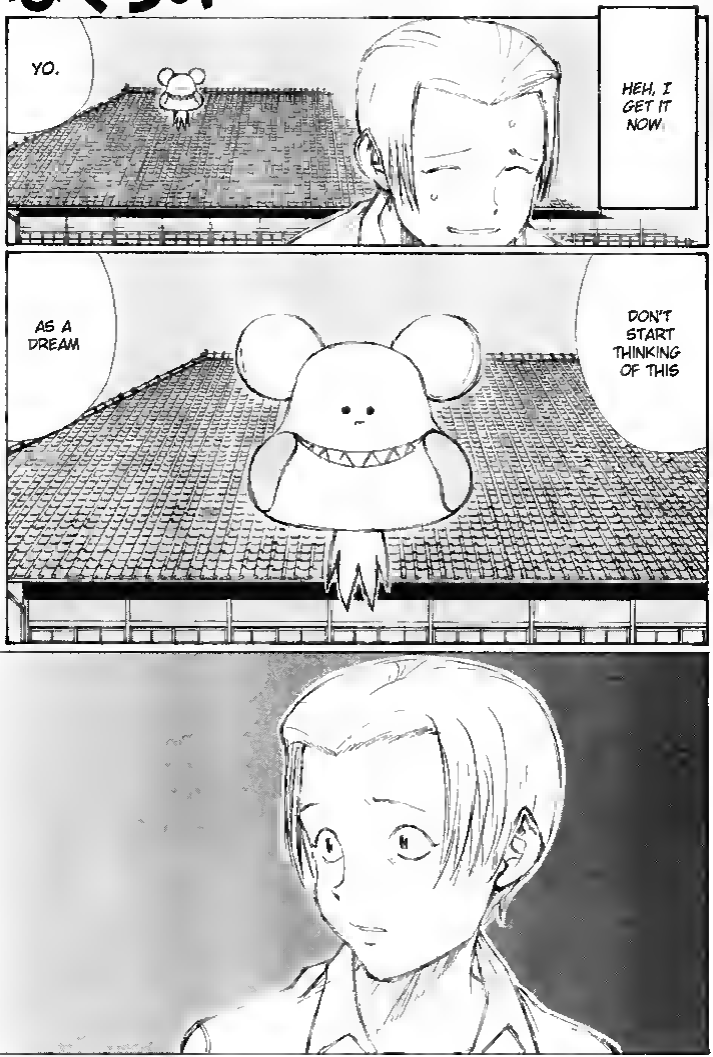
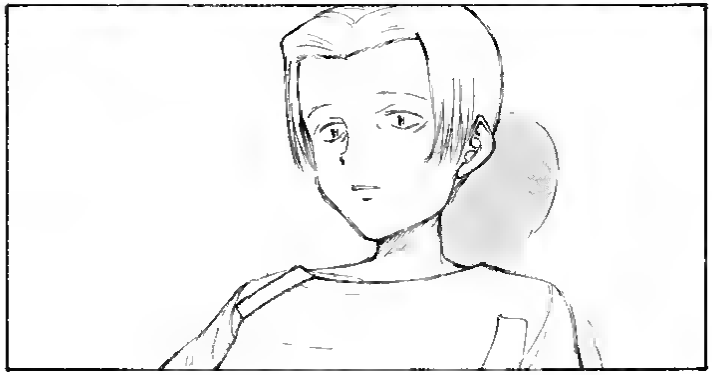
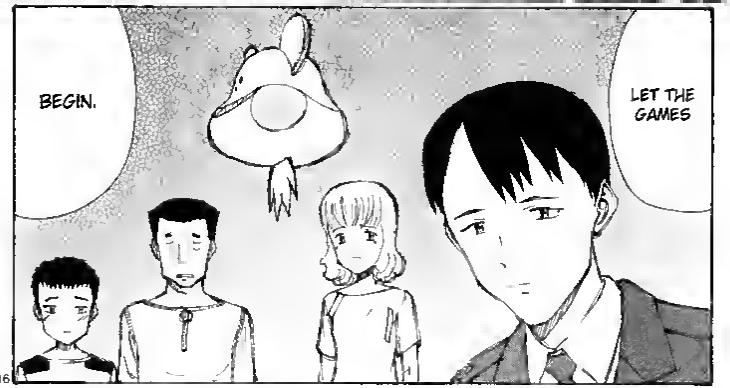
THAT STUFF DOESN'T EXIST.
OF COURSE, IT'S NOT REAL.


YO.
HEH, I GET IT NOW.
AS A DREAM
DON'T START THINKING OF THIS




BEGIN.
LET THE GAMES

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SETTLE DOWN.
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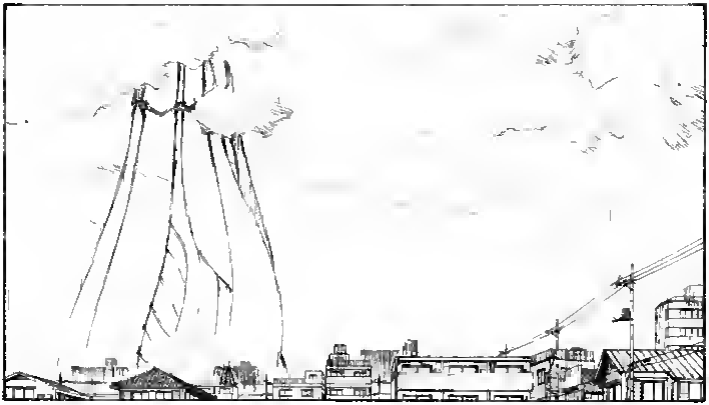
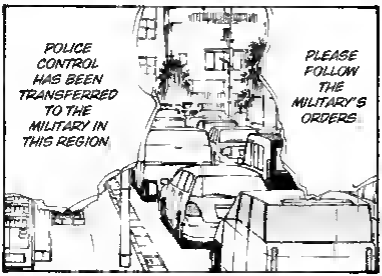
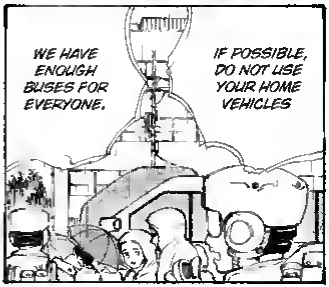
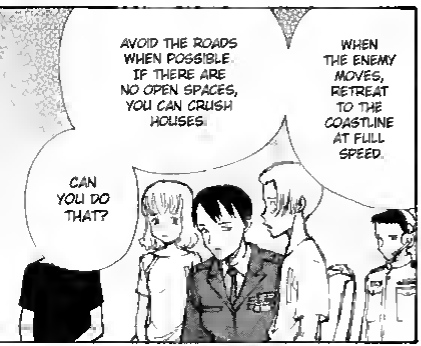
WE'RE REMAINING STILL.
WAITING FOR THE ENEMY TO MAKE SOME KIND OF MOVEMENT.
PILOT HAS AWAKENED.
WE'LL PUT HIM ON GENERAL STANDBY

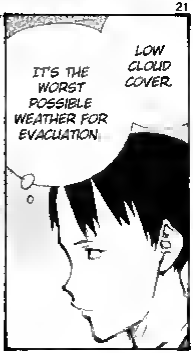



POLICE CONTROL HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE MILITARY IN THIS REGION.
PLEASE FOLLOW THE MILITARY'S ORDERS.

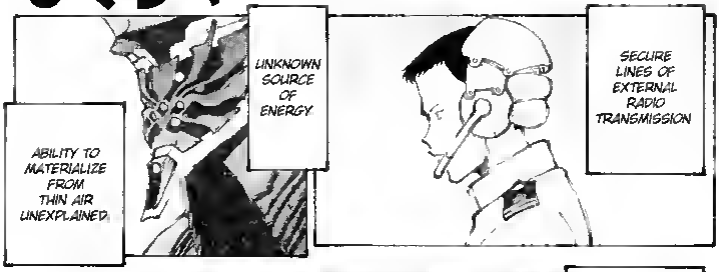

WE HAVE ENOUGH BUSES FOR EVERYONE.
IF POSSIBLE, DO NOT USE YOUR HOME VEHICLES

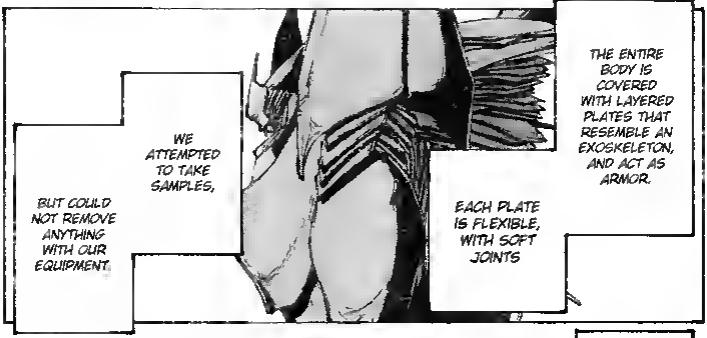

AVOID THE ROADS WHEN POSSIBLE IF THERE ARE NO OPEN SPACES, YOU CAN CRUSH HOUSES.
WHEN THE ENEMY MOVES, RETREAT TO THE COASTLINE AT FULL SPEED.
CAN YOU DO THAT?

WHAT WE WANT
IS TO GAIN AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE

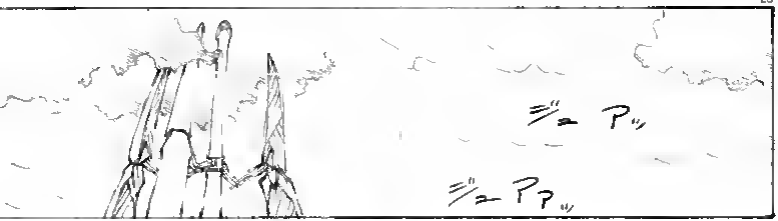

IT'S THE WORST POSSIBLE WEATHER FOR EVACUATION.
LOW CLOUD COVER.

IN THE END, WE ONLY GOT A FEW HOURS OF INSPECTION.
WHAT WE DISCOVERED DURING THAT TIME WAS:


ABILITY TO MATERIALIZE FROM THIN AIR UNEXPLAINED.
UNKNOWN SOURCE OF ENERGY
SECURE LINES OF EXTERNAL RADIO TRANSMISSION


WE ATTEMPTED TO TAKE SAMPLES,
BUT COULD NOT REMOVE ANYTHING WITH OUR EQUIPMENT.
THE ENTIRE BODY IS COVERED WITH LAYERED PLATES THAT RESEMBLE AN EXOSKELETON, AND ACT AS ARMOR.
EACH PLATE IS FLEXIBLE, WITH SOFT JOINTS

BUT THAT SEEMS TO BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE DESCRIPTION
IT'S A SILLY-SOUNDING WAY TO SAY IT,
IT MENTALLY PREVENTS US FROM AFFECTING IT.
BUT, I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY...
IT WAS NOT THAT WE COULDN'T PHYSICALLY SLICE THE MATERIAL,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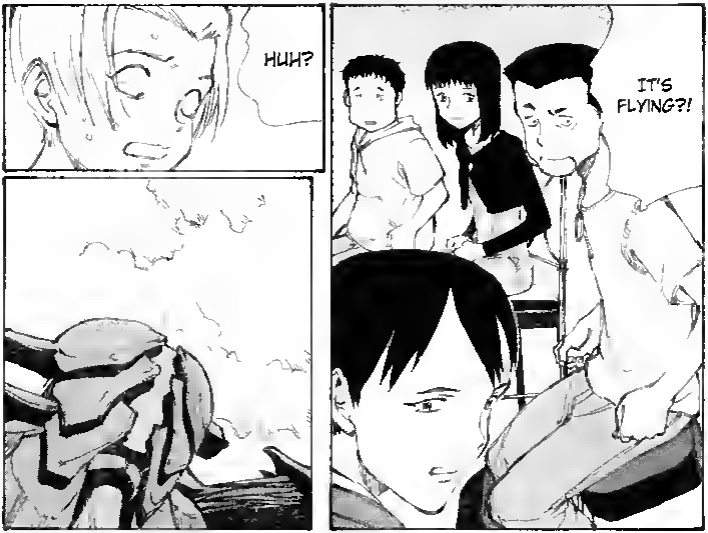
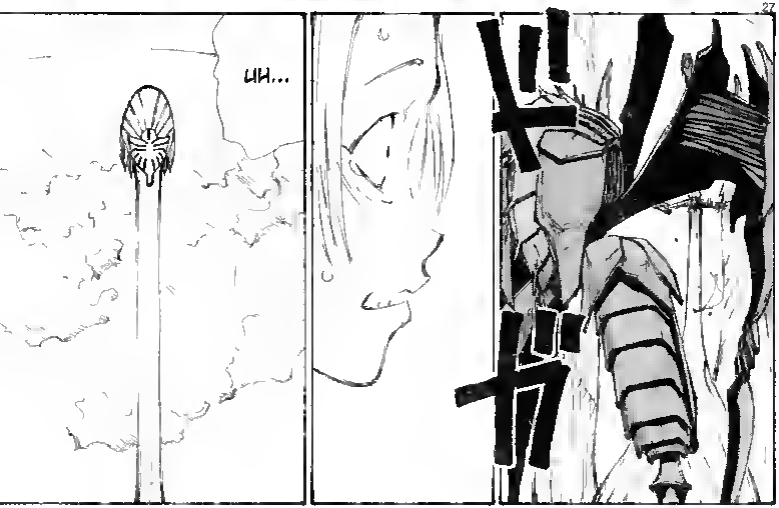
MOVED!!
THE ENEMY

RETREAT NOW, KAKO.
UH... HUH?
WE DIDN'T GAIN ANY TIME...?
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE STEPPING, KAKO!!

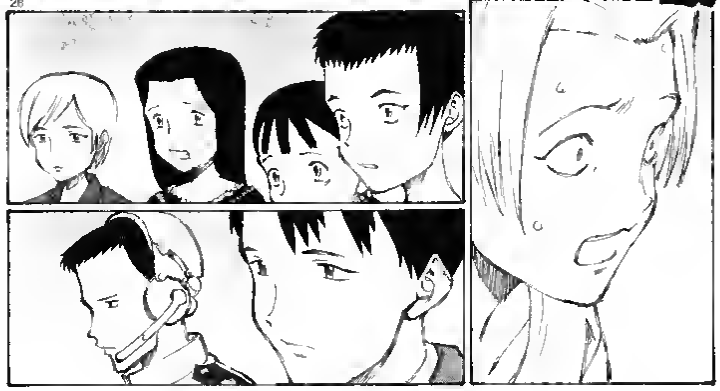
GYAAA!!
AAAH!!

GYAA!!
WAHH!!

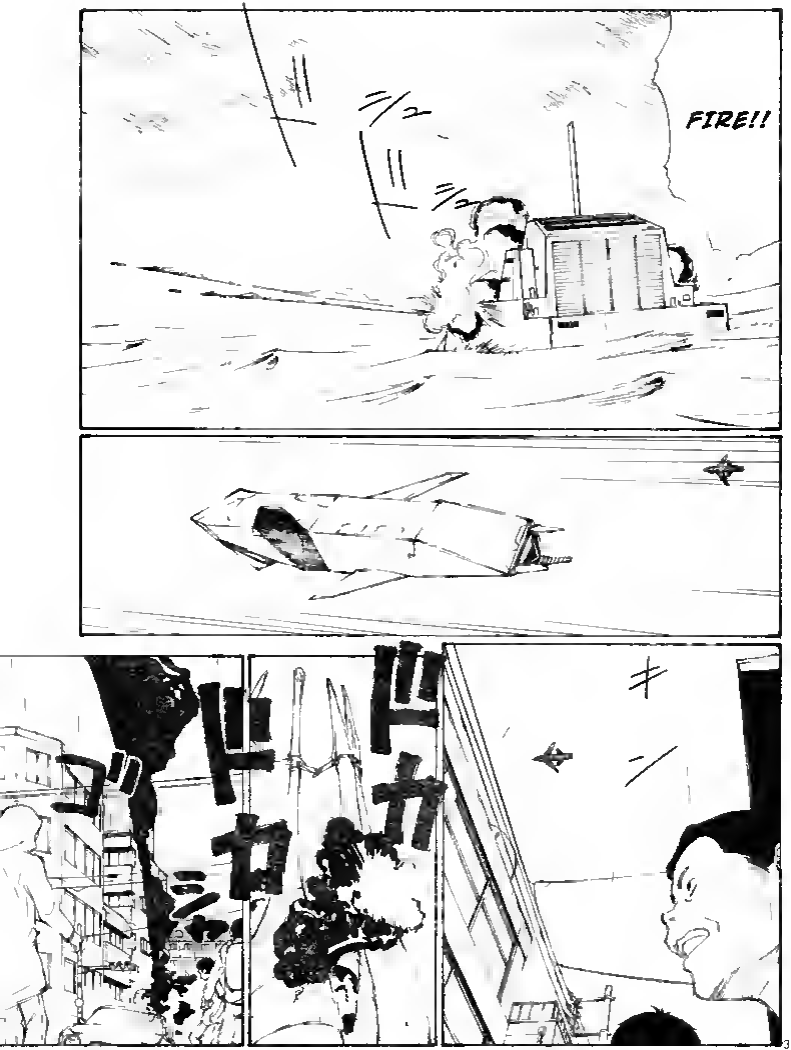

HUH?
IT'S FLYING?!


UH...

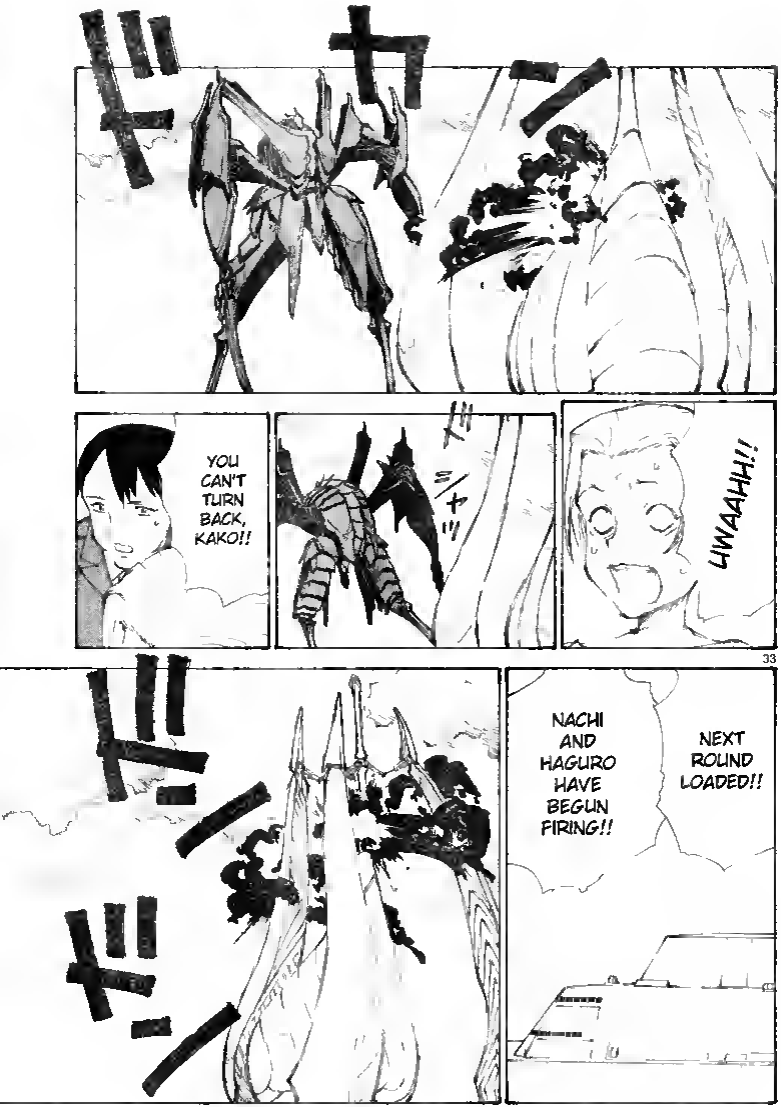
WHAT THE?!



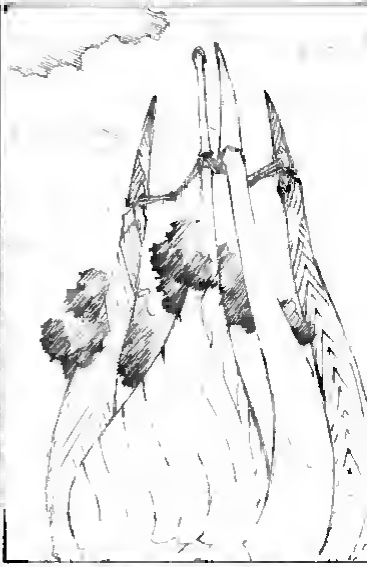
ALL GREEN!!
#4 AND #8 READY!! SUBSONIC SPEED MODE!!
TYPE 81 ROCKETS, HIT CONFIRMED!!

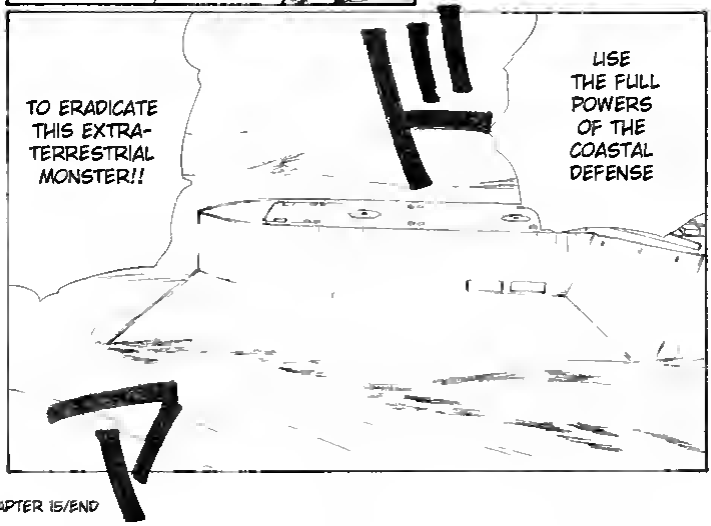

FIRE!!

EFFECTIVE-NESS CONFIRMED!!
NO VISUAL CONFIRM-ATION!!
WE'VE GOT DATA FROM THE WATCHER!!
MAINTAIN DISTANCE!! DON'T GET ANY CLOSER!!
DISTANCE TO TARGET, 12 NAUTICAL MILES!!
SHOW 'EM YOUR SPIRIT!!
DON'T SLACK NOW!! MAINTAIN BATTLE SPEED #2!!
GOOD!!
#6, FIRE!!


YOU CAN'T TURN BACK, KAKO!!
KWAAHH!!
NACHI AND HAGURO HAVE BEGUN FIRING!!
NEXT ROUND LOADED!!

GOOD, WE'RE DOING FINE!! ALL THAT SUCKER'S GOT IS ITS SIZE!!
TARGET HAS STOPPED MOVEMENT!!
OPPORTUNITY ONLY KNOCKS ONCE!!




TO ERADICATE THIS EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL MONSTER!!
USE THE FULL POWERS OF THE COASTAL DEFENSE

Waku Takashi
(Waku)

Isao Kako
(Kako)

Daiichi Yamura
(Daichi)

Masaru Kodaka
(Kodama)

Kanji Yoshikawa
(Kanji)

Yasuhiko Meji
(Meji)

Jun Ushiro
(Ushiro)

Yosuke Kirie
(Kirie)

Nako Nakarai
(Nakarai)

Aiko Tokosumi
(Anko)

Yoko Machi
(Machi)

Chizuru Honda
(Chizu)

Takami Komoda
(Komo)

Maki Ano
(Maki)

Kana Ushiro
(Kana)

Dung Beetle

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CHAPTER 16
ISAO KAKO (4)

THE BOY DESPERATE FOR LIFE FINDS A RAY OF HOPE IN THE MILITARY'S OFFENSIVE.

鬼頭莫宏
Kito Mohiro

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FIRE!!

FIRE!!
TURN TO FACE THE TARGET!!
FIRE ALL STOCK!!
STARBOARD, PREPARE TO FIRE!
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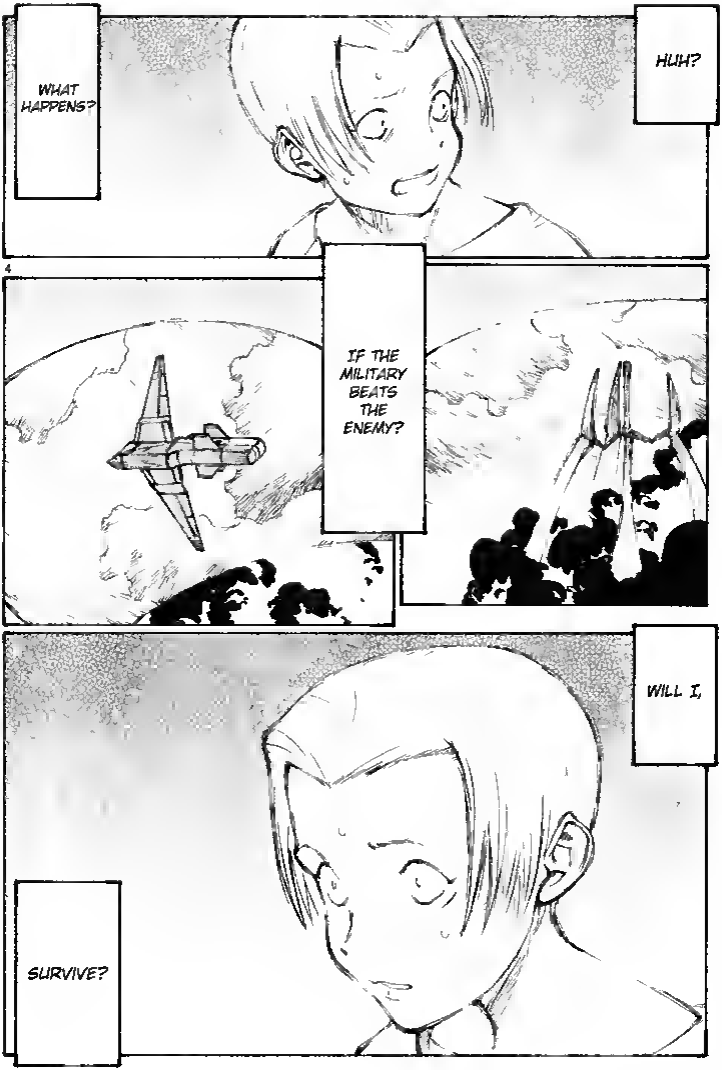
WE CAN BEAT IT!!
DON'T HOLD BACK!!


WHAT HAPPENS?
HUH?
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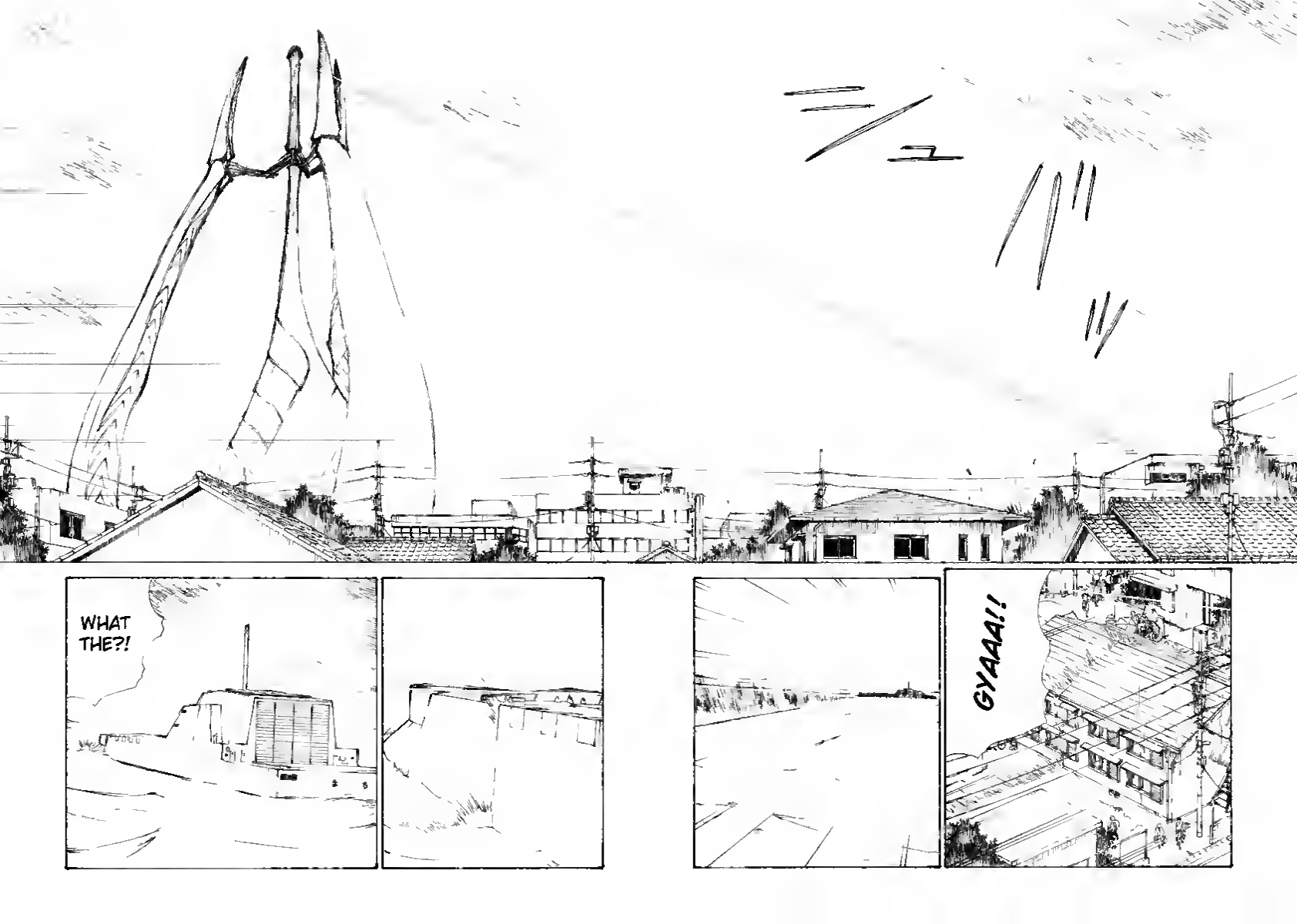
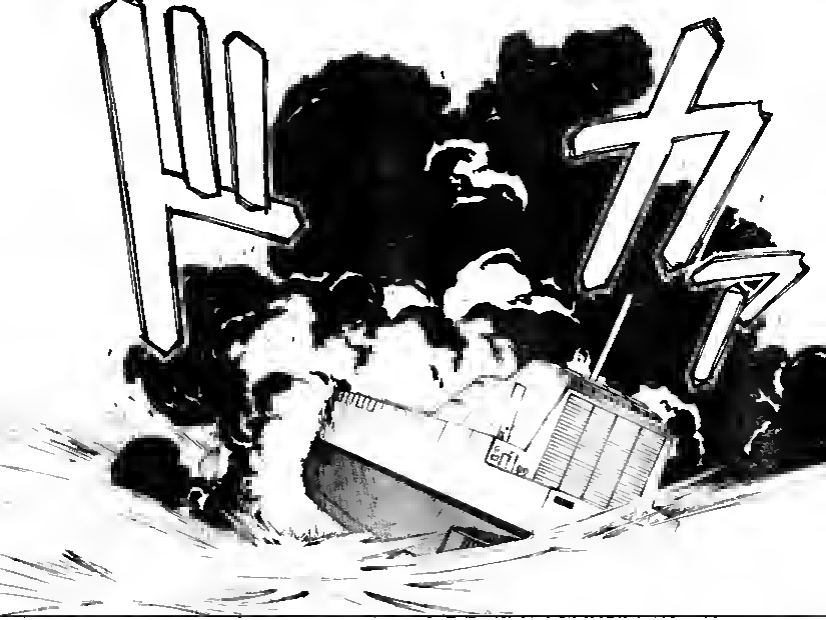
IF THE MILITARY BEATS THE ENEMY?
WILL I,
SURVIVE?

SO HEAD FOR THE SEA!!
THERE ARE PEOPLE EVACUATING INTO THE MOUNTAINS,
KAKO!!
IS OBVIOUS
THE ANSWER TO THAT,
WI... WILL I SURVIVE?
D... DUNG BEETLE...
HUH?


WHAT THE?!
GYAAA!!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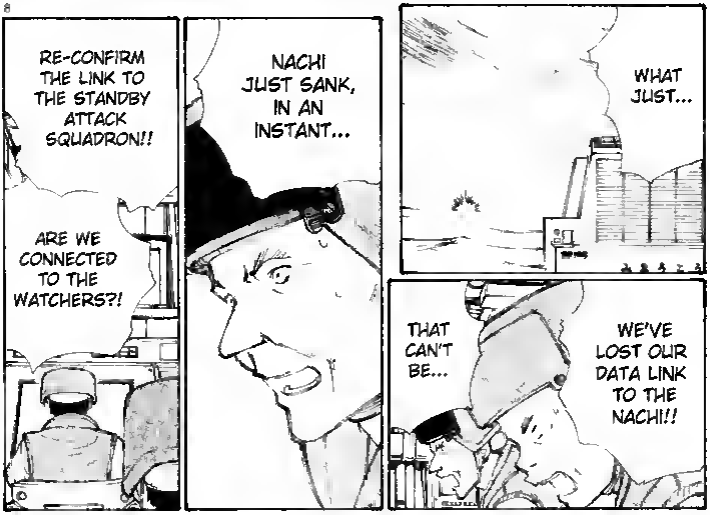
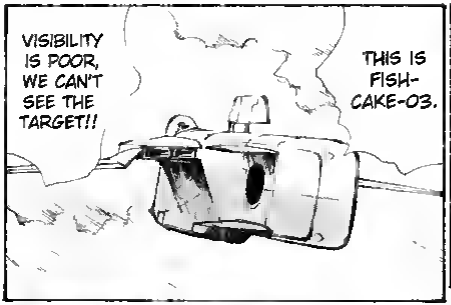
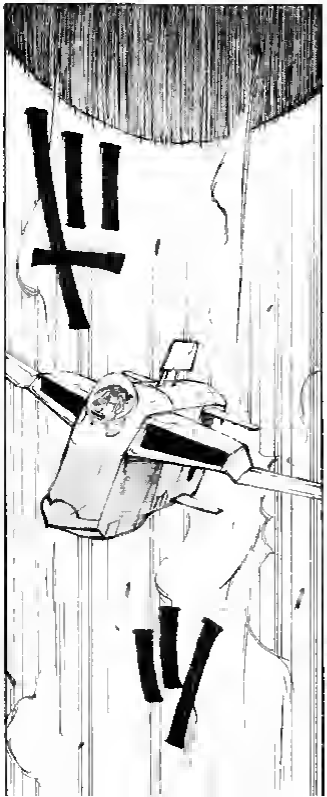
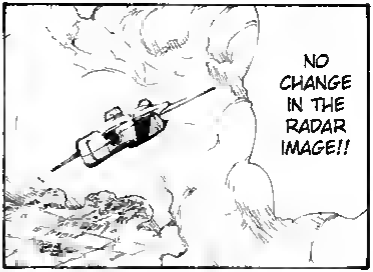
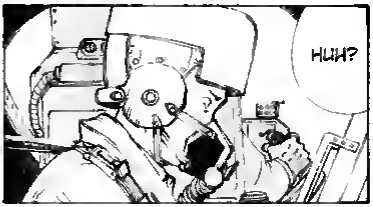

RE-CONFIRM THE LINK TO THE STANDBY ATTACK SQUADRON!!
ARE WE CONNECTED TO THE WATCHERS?!
NACHI JUST SANK, IN AN INSTANT...
WHAT JUST...
THAT CAN'T BE...
WE'VE LOST OUR DATA LINK TO THE NACHI!!


VISIBILITY IS POOR, WE CAN'T SEE THE TARGET!!
THIS IS FISH-CAKE-03.

REPORT ON THE TARGET'S STATUS!!




NO CHANGE IN THE RADAR IMAGE!!


HUH?

WHAT IS IT?!

WAAH!!
TARGET IS AIRBORNE AGAIN!! ASCENDING DIRECTLY UPWARD!!
DIRECTLY ABOVE OUR SHIP!!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
DON'T LOSE IT!!
TARGET LOCATION REPORT!!
TARGET IS...

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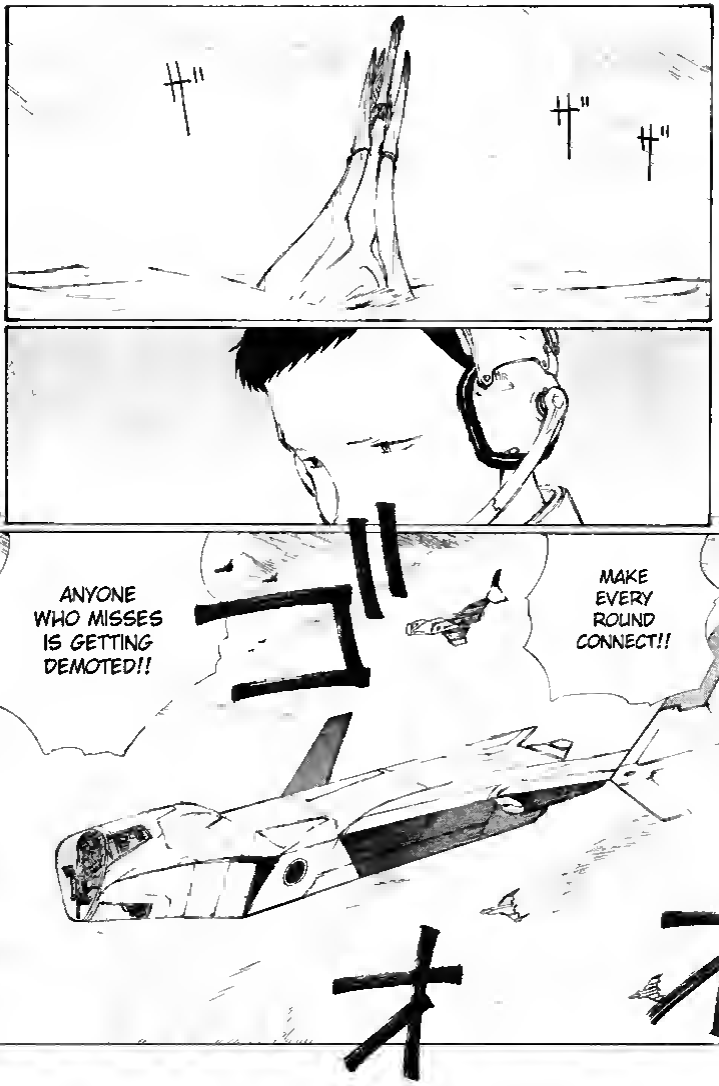
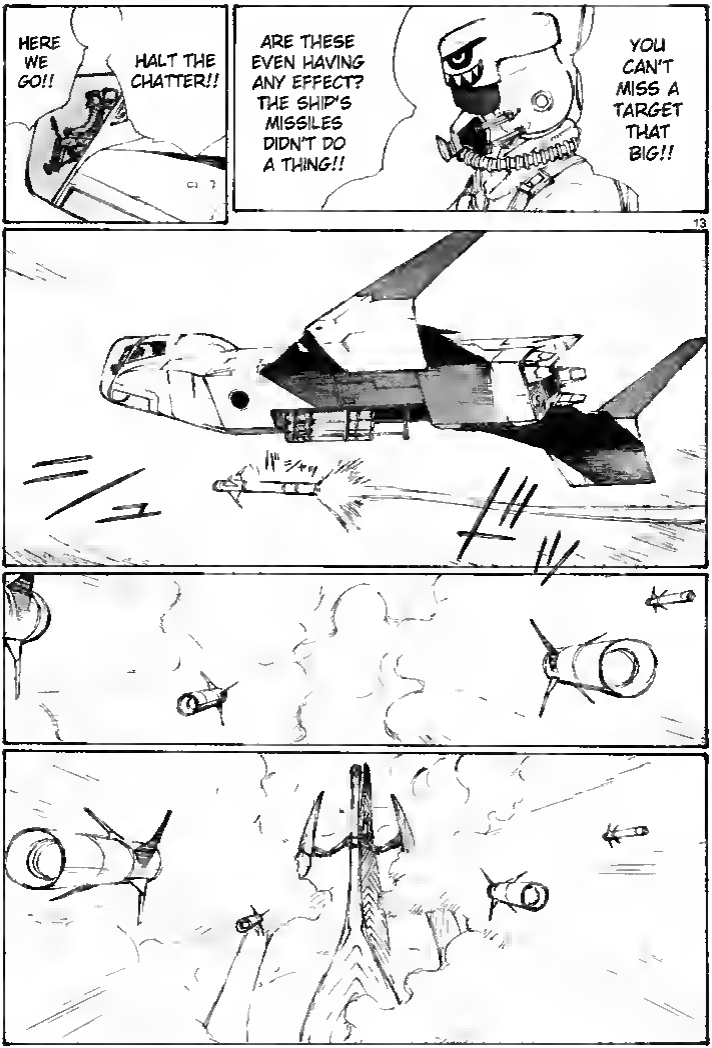

ANYONE WHO MISSES IS GETTING DEMOTED!!
MAKE EVERY ROUND CONNECT!!


HERE WE GO!!
HALT THE CHATTER!!
ARE THESE EVEN HAVING ANY EFFECT? THE SHIP'S MISSILES DIDN'T DO A THING!!
YOU CAN'T MISS A TARGET THAT BIG!!
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YES.
YES, UNDER-STOOD.
TWO OF OUR CRUISERS,
HAVE BEEN SUNK
THEY SAY IT WAS
INSTANT-ANEOUS.
THE CARRIER'S AERIAL ATTACK SQUADRON,
WAS ALSO WIPED OUT

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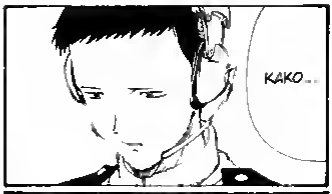

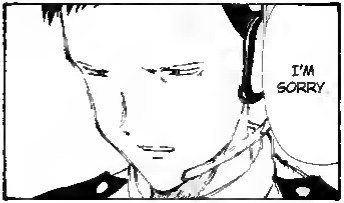

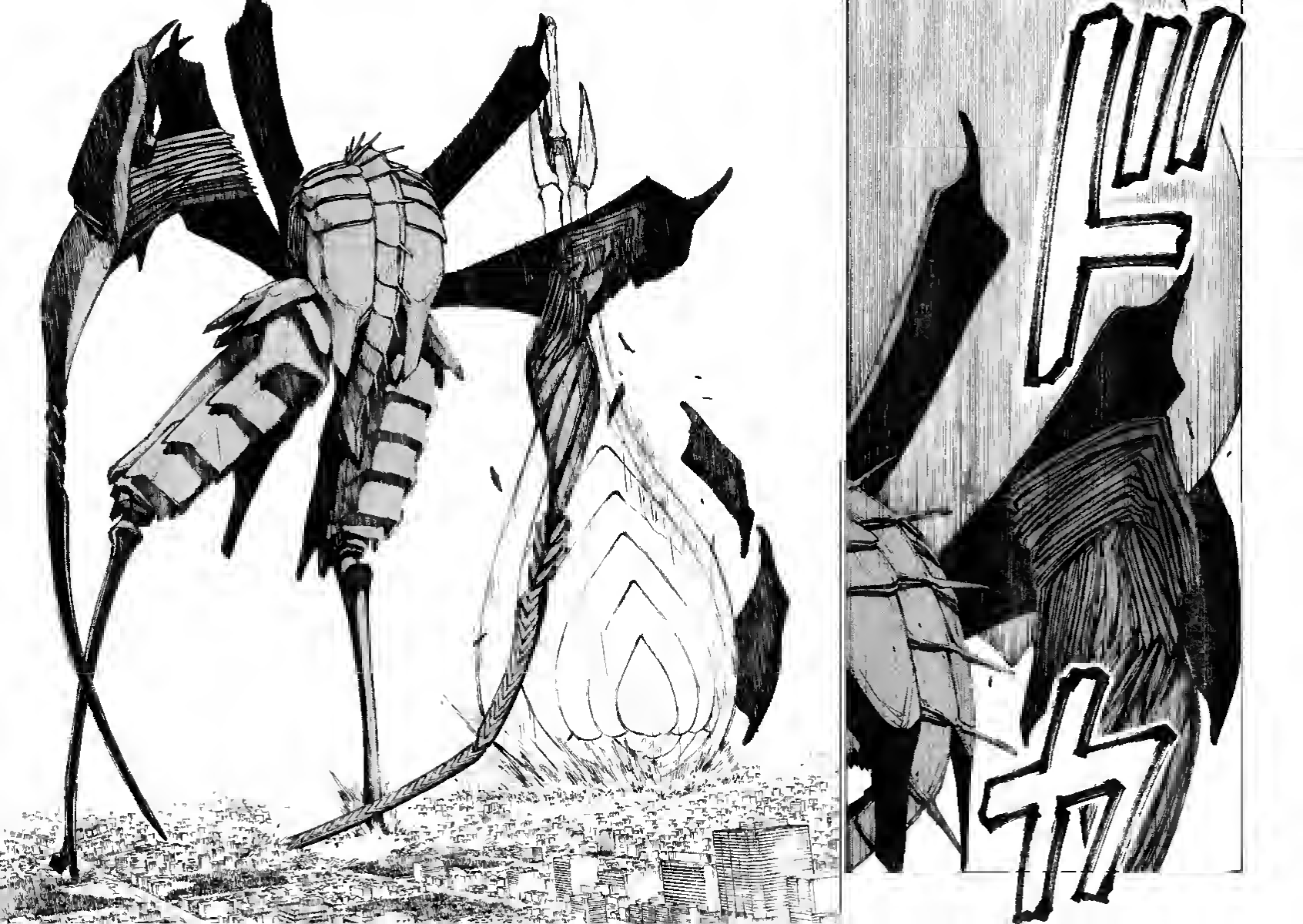

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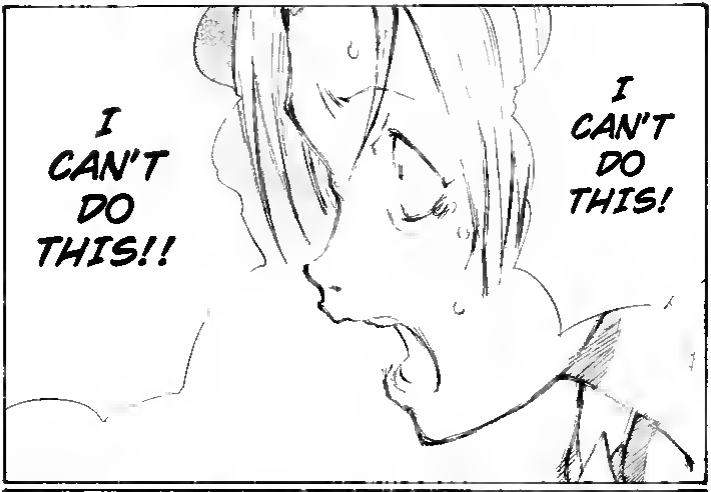
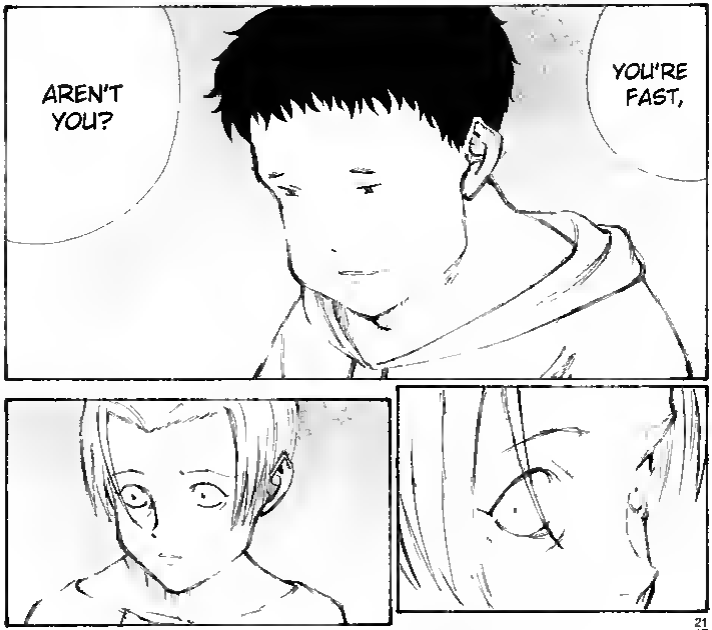

I CAN'T DO THIS!!
I CAN'T DO THIS!

KAKO...

AND THE EARTH
WHICH WOULD MEAN THE END OF US,
IF HE KEEPS RUNNING AWAY WE'LL EITHER LOSE, OR RUN OVER 48 HOURS
HE HAS TO FIGHT?
TELL KAKO,
BUT CAN ANYONE

KAKO...
NOBODY'S IN A POSITION TO ?


AREN'T YOU?
YOU'RE FAST,

YOU ASSHOLE!!
KIRIE!!

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AAAH!!
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STOP THAT!!
KAKO!!

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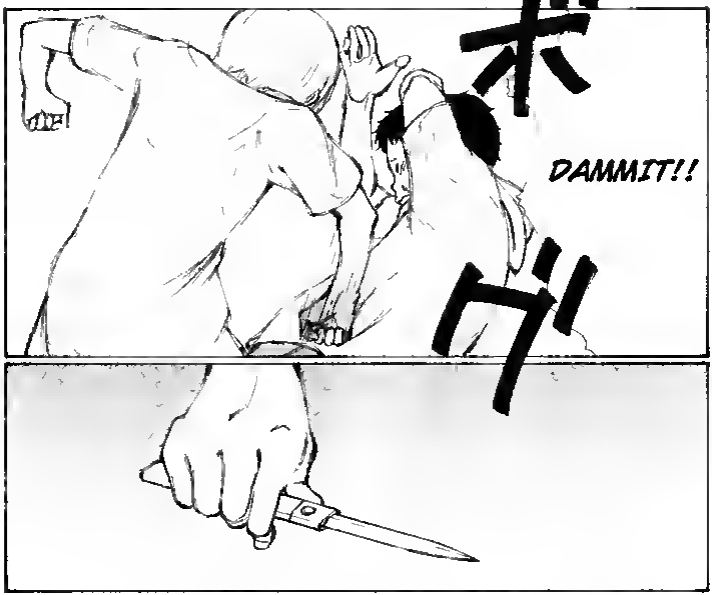

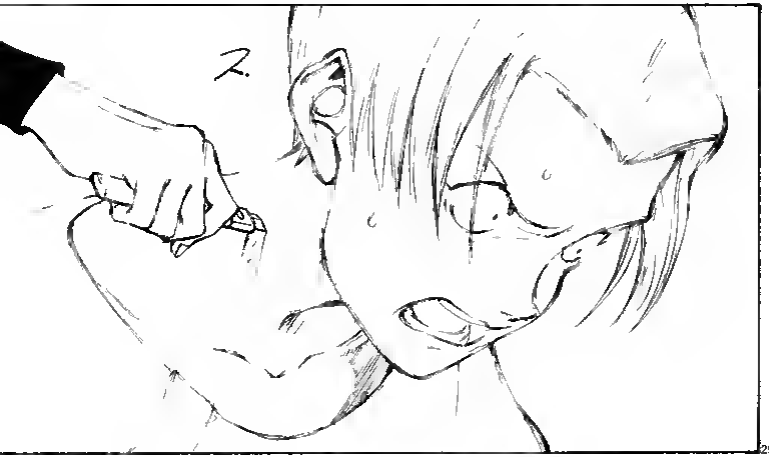

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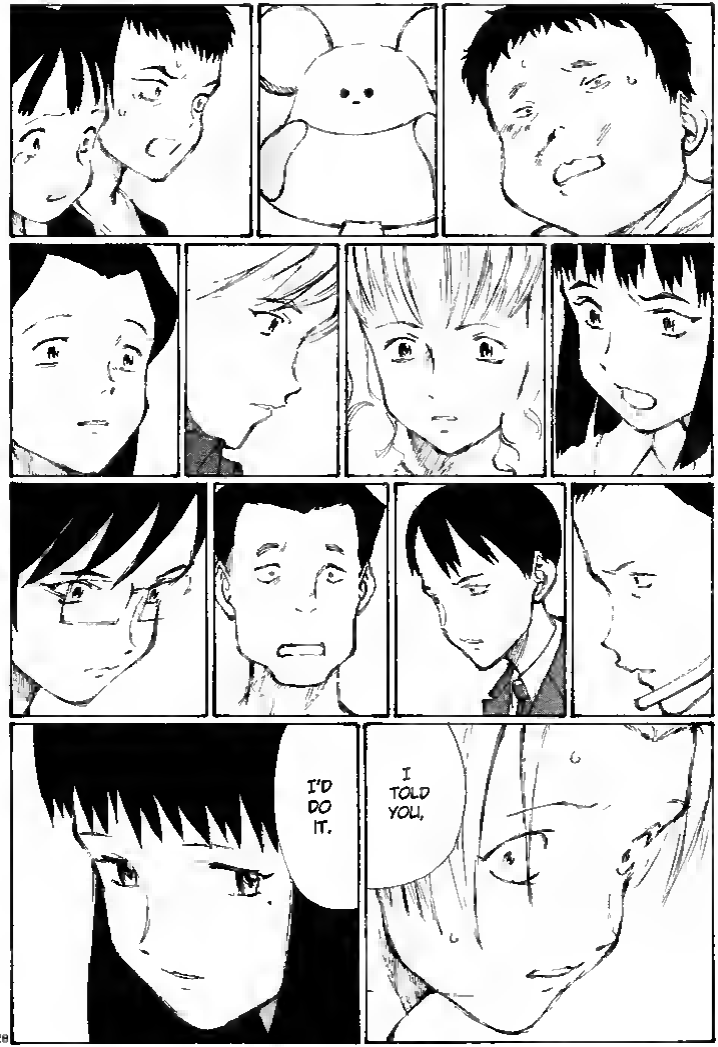
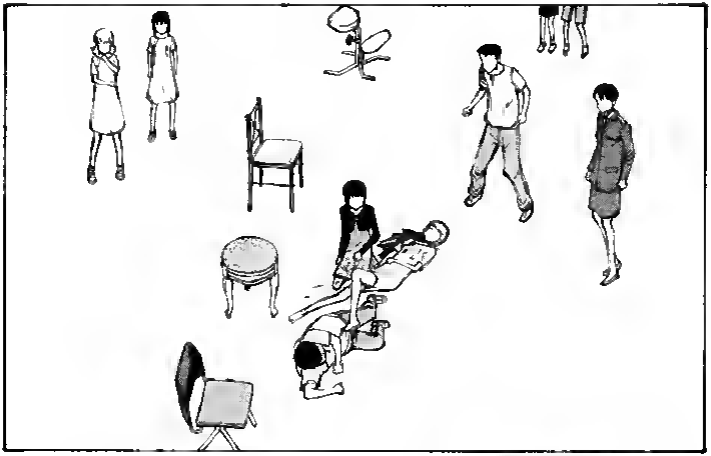

I'D DO IT.
I TOLD YOU,



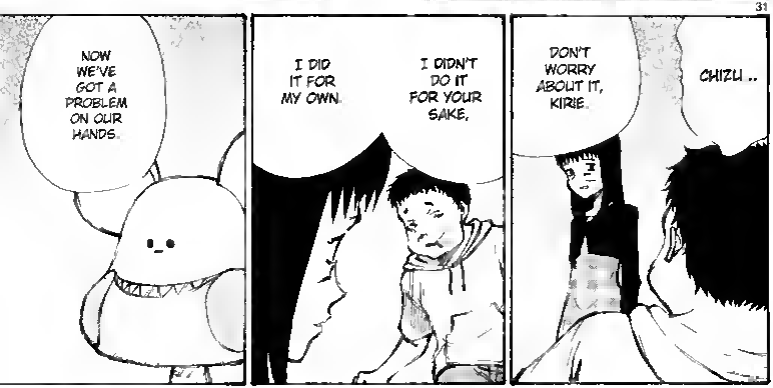
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN...
HE'S GOING TO DIE EITHER WAY, RIGHT?

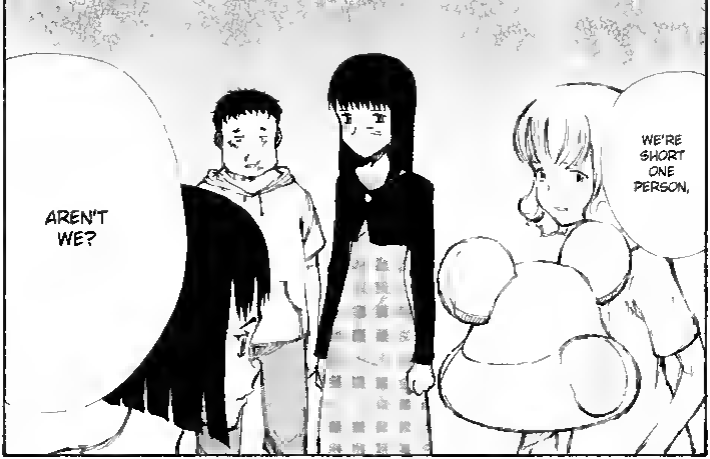
OH MY GOD...
OH MY GOD...

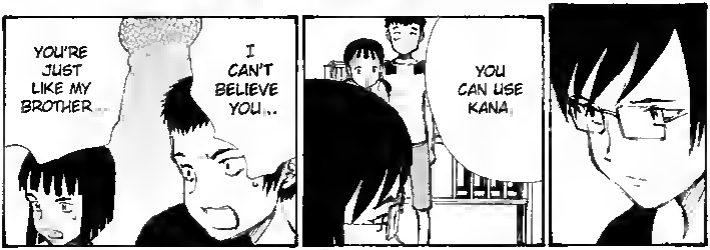
HE WAS GOING TO LOSE ANYWAY

KAKO!!
KAKO?!

NO.
BUT ....
BUT YOU CAN'T JUST KILL...
DON'T WORRY.
I'LL PAY THE PRICE
DOES THIS MEAN,
WE'VE LOST THE FIGHT?


NOW WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM ON OUR HANDS.
I DID IT FOR MY OWN.
I DIDN'T DO IT FOR YOUR SAKE,
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, KIRIE.
CHIZU ..


WE'RE SHORT ONE PERSON,
AREN'T WE?


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU...
YOU'RE JUST LIKE MY BROTHER...
YOU CAN USE KANA.

THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE ARGUING ABOUT THIS
IS KAKO..?
BUT...
THE ENEMY'S STILL

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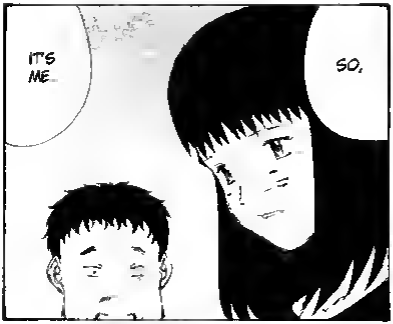

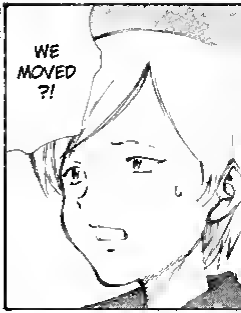

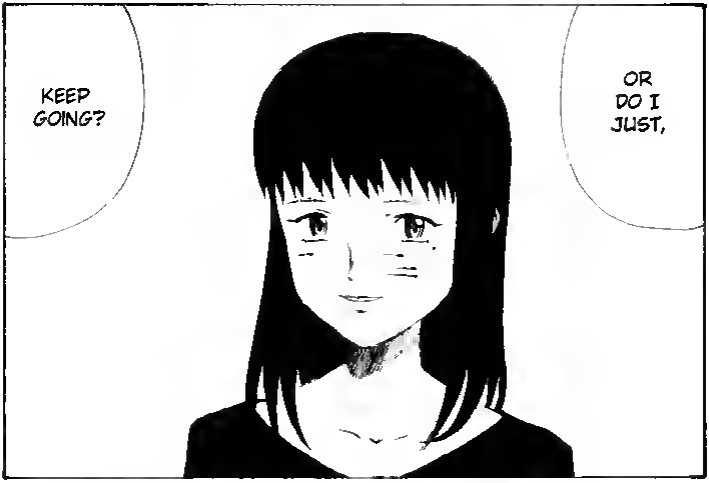

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CHAPTER 17
CHIZURU HONDA (1)

SOMETHING SHE WOULD KILL A HUMAN BEING TO ACHIEVE...

THIS FEELING RUNS DEEPER AND DARKER THAN IT SEEMS...

鬼頭莫宏
Kito Mohiro

HEY, TEACHER!

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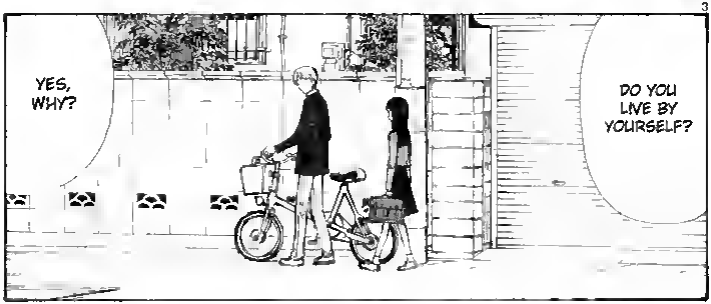
LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER, MR. HATAGAI

HONDA, WAS IT? UMMM,
YOU REMEMBER MY NAME?

AND YOUR HOUSE IS-
IN THE SAME DIRECTION, ACTUALLY
I HAD TO STAY LATE FOR THE CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE.
DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF.
IF I HAVE A BIKE,
HOW ARE WE GOING TO GO HOME TOGETHER.
AT LEAST YOU'RE PROACTIVE.
WERE YOU WAITING FOR ME?


YES, WHY?
DO YOU LIVE BY YOURSELF?

IT'S A PAIN
AND I HATE CLEANING DISHES
YOU SHOULD COOK YOUR OWN

I BUY MY FOOD PREMADE
DO YOU EAT HEALTHY?

YOU SEEM LIKE A MIDDLE CHILD
YOU KNOW,
NO. I'VE JUST GOT MY HANDS FULL ATTEMPTING TO WRANGLE YOU PROBLEM STUDENTS INTO LEADING PRODUCTIVE LIVES.
ARE YOU LAZY?
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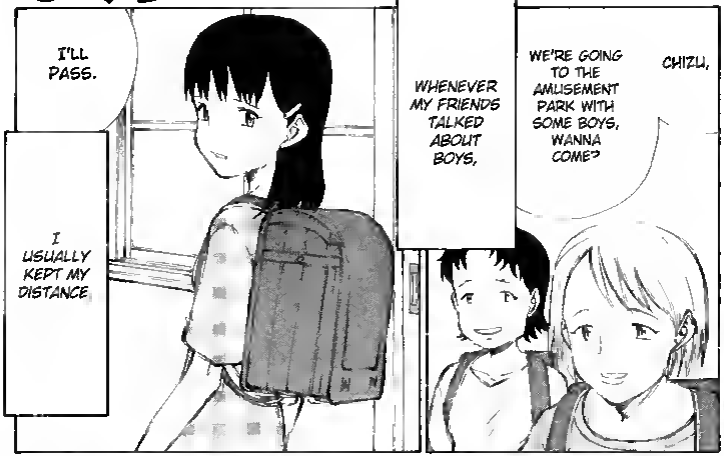
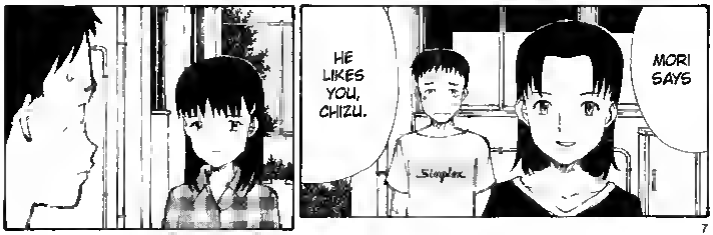
WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU SEEM LIKE THE ELDEST DAUGHTER
BZZZT! TOO BAD
YOU ARE RIGHT.
BUT,
YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE SNAP JUDGMENTS LIKE THAT.
A SISTER, 4 YEARS OLDER.
GOT SIBLINGS?
DO YOU KNOW HER?

SHE WAS FAMOUS FOR BEING SO BEAUTIFUL
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN REMEMBER EVERY STUDENT WHO WASN'T IN THE GRADE I TAUGHT...
SHE WAS THERE...
OBVIOUSLY
HER NAME'S HONDA?
I MIGHT REMEMBER...
NOT AS MUCH AS YOU, I'M SURE...

SENSEI,
YOU TEASE!
CHIZURU, WHAT WERE YOU DOING OUT SO LATE?
GOING ON AN EXPEDITION TO THE OTHER END OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT


CHIZU,
WE'RE GOING TO THE AMUSEMENT PARK WITH SOME BOYS, WANNA COME?
WHENEVER MY FRIENDS TALKED ABOUT BOYS,
I'LL PASS.
I USUALLY KEPT MY DISTANCE


MORI SAYS
HE LIKES YOU, CHIZU.
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I'M SORRY.

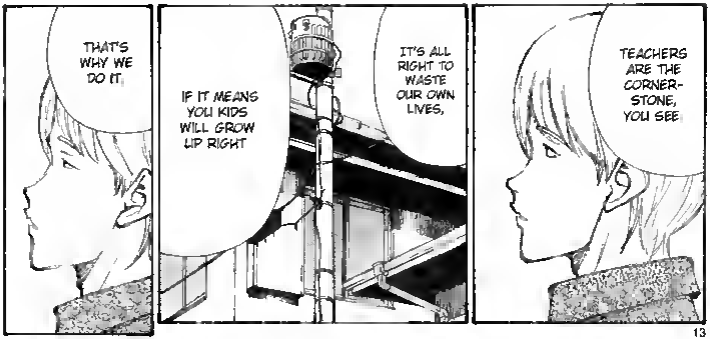
THE BOYS IN MY GRADE SICKENED ME.
THEY ACTED SO CHILDISH, WITH SUCH A LACK OF CONSIDERATION FOR ANYONE ELSE,
AND ALL THEIR CONVERSATIONS REVOLVED AROUND THEMSELVES
THEY DON'T TRY TO UNDERSTAND OTHERS,
YET THEY BECOME ANGRY WHEN OTHERS DON'T ATTEMPT TO UNDERSTAND THEM.
THEY JUST WAIT FOR SOMEONE TO SATISFY THEM.
ALWAYS MISSING SOMETHING
ALWAYS NEEDING THAT EXTRA FULFILLMENT
THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CLEAN
HE SAID HE LIKED YOU?
IT ALWAYS SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE SURROUNDED BY SOME FILTHY SMELL

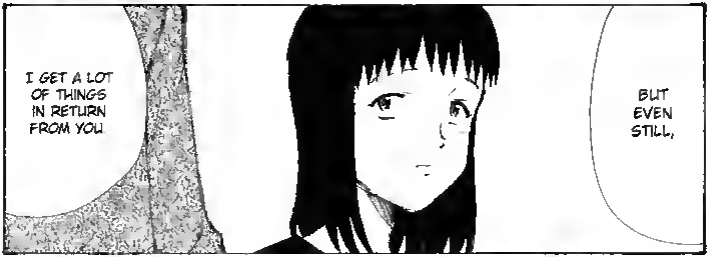
DO YOU, CHIZU?
YOU REALLY DON'T LIKE BOYS,
AS IF THERE'S SOME KIND OF UNSTOPPABLE SEXUAL DESIRE SEEPING OUT OF THEM.
IT'S LIKE YOU'LL BE TAKEN AWAY
THAT KINDA SUCKS.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
WHAT?! REALLY?!
I HAVE A BOYFRIEND.
WELL, WHAT ABOUT YOU?
YOU SURE DID
NO! I NEVER SAID THAT.
YOU ALWAYS SAID YOU WANTED AN OLDER BROTHER.

I'M SURE YOU'LL LIKE HIM TOO.
HE'S A VERY NICE GUY.
HMPH
I'LL LET YOU MEET HIM.
SOMEONE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO WITHOUT, WHO BRINGS MEANING TO YOUR LIFE.
BUT THERE WILL BE SOMEONE OUT THERE,
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND EVENTUALLY.
SOMETIMES IT CAN HURT, SOMETIMES YOU'LL GET SICK OF IT.
IT'S NOT ALL FUN.

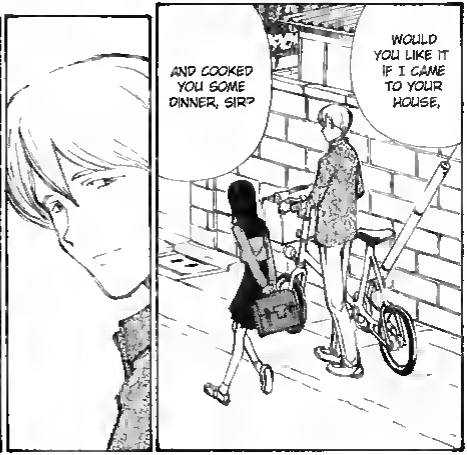
QUITE SOON
YOU WILL, SOMEDAY...
I DON'T GET IT...
HMPH.
MY SISTER'S WORDS RANG TRUE,
NOT LONG AFTER,
MR. HATAGAI

IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.
THE DAY HE JOINED THE SCHOOL,
CALM AND COMPOSED
HE WAS PRUDENT.
HE REALLY LISTENED TO YOU
HE WAS RELAXED AND SECURE
A TEACHER CAN'T BE INDIVIDUALISTIC
AND WHAT KIND OF INFLUENCE HIS ACTIONS WILL HAVE
AND THINK OF WHAT HE MUST DO NOW TO BENEFIT SOCIETY YEARS IN THE FUTURE.
HE HAS TO LOOK AT THE WHOLE PICTURE,


THAT'S WHY WE DO IT.
IF IT MEANS YOU KIDS WILL GROW UP RIGHT
IT'S ALL RIGHT TO WASTE OUR OWN LIVES,
TEACHERS ARE THE CORNER-STONE, YOU SEE.

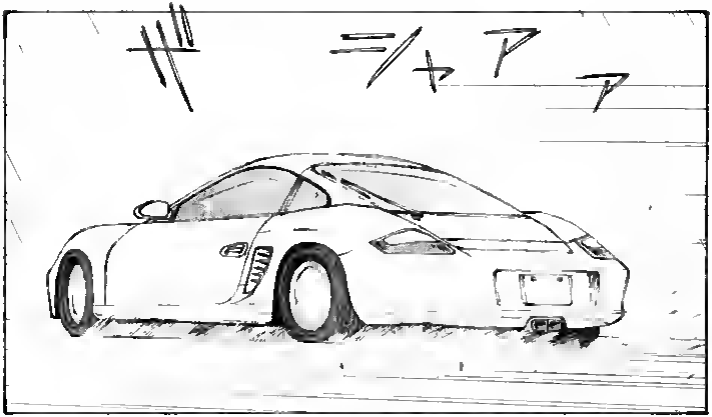

I GET A LOT OF THINGS IN RETURN FROM YOU.
BUT EVEN STILL,

YOU MEAN ONE-TRACK STUFF LIKE THAT?
SEE?


AND COOKED YOU SOME DINNER, SIR?
WOULD YOU LIKE IT IF I CAME TO YOUR HOUSE,

I LOVE YOU
MR. HATAGAI
I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND
YOU KNOW, HONDA,
I DON'T EVEN CARE...
ABOUT THAT.

AND WHEN I SAY THAT, I DON'T MEAN PHYSICAL POSSESSIONS,
HE GIVES ME EVERYTHING.
HE IS THE ONE PERSON WHO FULFILLS EVERYTHING IN MY LIFE.
I MEAN THAT JUST BY BEING WITH ME AND TALKING TO ME,
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE
AS LONG AS HE'S WITH ME,
I NEVER REALIZED I COULD BE SUCH A GIRL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LAST WEEK WAS SO FUN
YOU'LL SEE WHEN WE GET THERE

MR. HATA?
WHERE ARE WE GOING TODAY,

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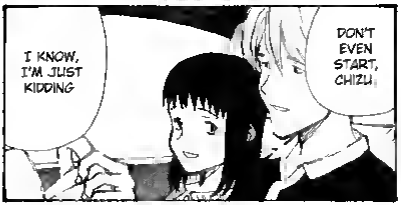
IT'S TOO BAD I CAN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT.


I KNOW, I'M JUST KIDDING
DON'T EVEN START, CHIZU.

I'VE GOT A ROOM HERE.
HUH? THIS IS IT?
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YOU DON'T WANT TO?
ALREADY?
WELL... IT'S NOT THAT, BUT...

YO.

HUH?

PLAY NICELY WITH THEM
THESE ARE MY FRIENDS
S... SENSEI?
THE REAL THING IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN IN A MOVIE.
HUH ?
THIS ONE'S EVEN PRETTIER THAN USUAL
SHE SHOULD BE WELL "TRAINED" BY NOW, THEN
SO HATA'S HAD TWO MONTHS TO WORK ON HER?
THAT'S WHY HE'S THE CHIEF
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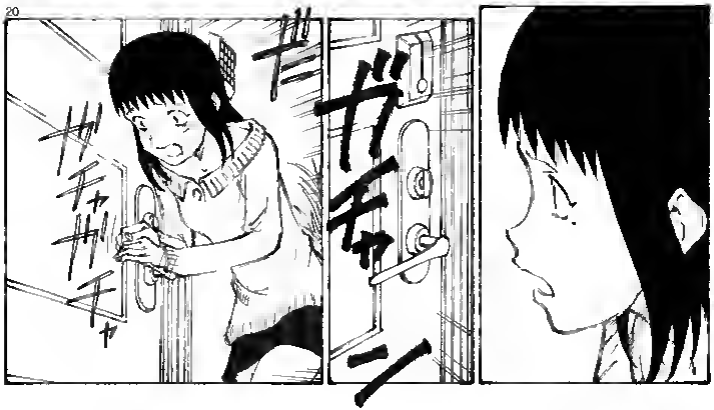
YOU ENJOY THE REST, CHIZU.
WELL, I'VE GOT A DATE TO GO ON.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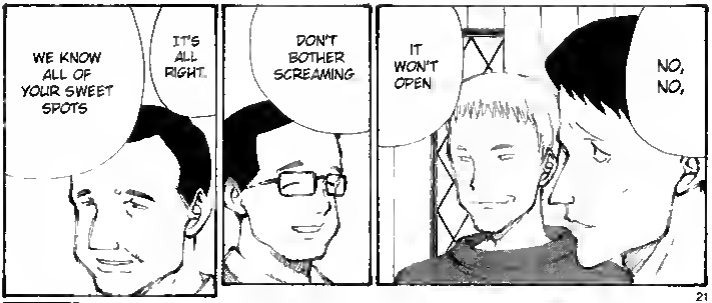
WE KNOW ALL OF YOUR SWEET SPOTS
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
DON'T BOTHER SCREAMING.
IT WON'T OPEN.
NO, NO,

SE...

SENSEI!!
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A LITTLE SLOW, AREN'T YOU?
SENSEI!!

HE SOLD YOU OUT?
HAVEN'T YOU REALIZED

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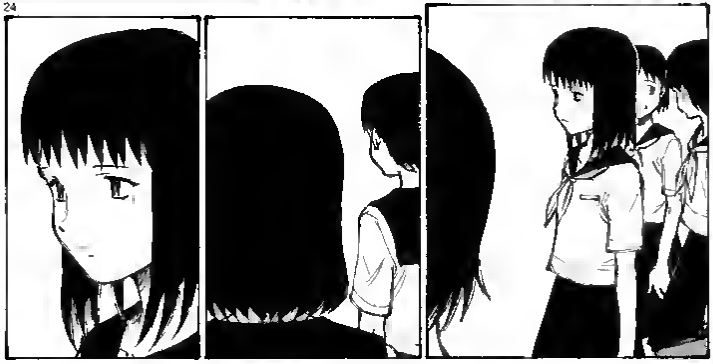
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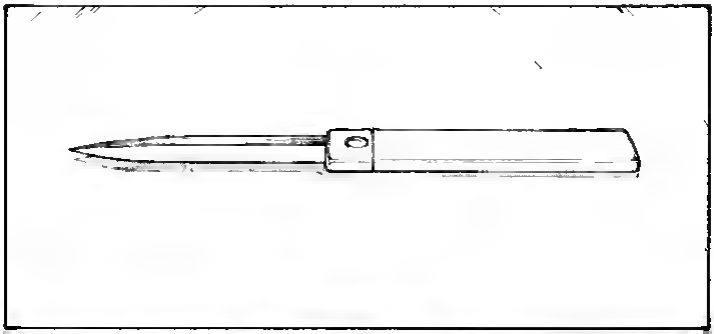
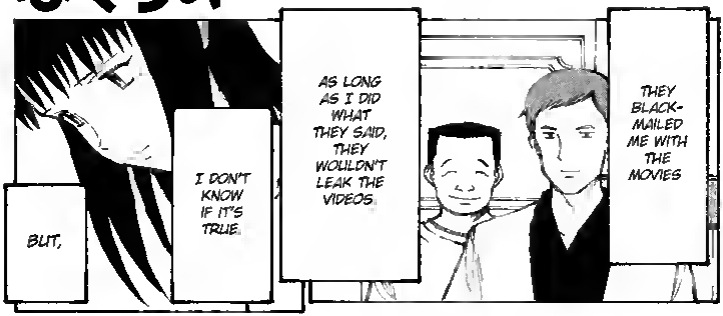
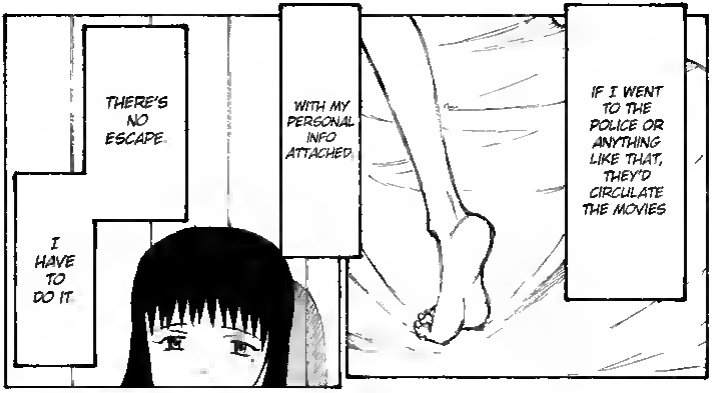
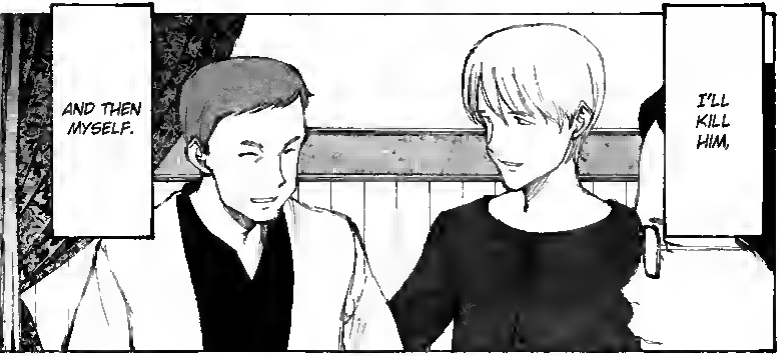
GOOD MORNING, HONDA.

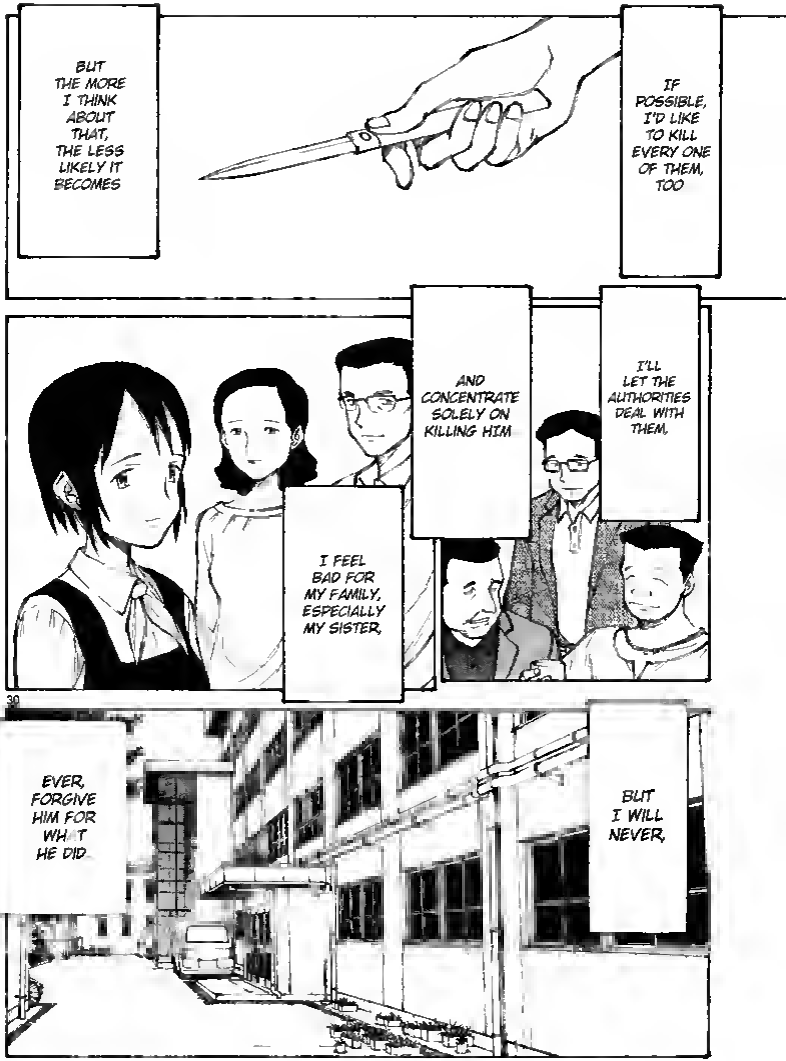
WE'LL DO IT AGAIN SOMETIME.
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP YESTERDAY.
I'M SURE YOU WILL EVENTUALLY.
TELL ME! I COULD DO IT FOR YOU.
JUST A LITTLE REQUEST
WHAT WAS THAT?




THEY BLACK-MAILED ME WITH THE MOVIES
AS LONG AS I DID WHAT THEY SAID, THEY WOULDN'T LEAK THE VIDEOS.
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S TRUE.
BUT,


IF I WENT TO THE POLICE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, THEY'D CIRCULATE THE MOVIES
WITH MY PERSONAL INFO ATTACHED.
THERE'S NO ESCAPE.
I HAVE TO DO IT.


I'LL KILL HIM.
AND THEN MYSELF.


BUT THE MORE I THINK ABOUT THAT, THE LESS LIKELY IT BECOMES
IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO KILL EVERY ONE OF THEM, TOO
I FEEL BAD FOR MY FAMILY, ESPECIALLY MY SISTER,
AND CONCENTRATE SOLELY ON KILLING HIM
I'LL LET THE AUTHORITIES DEAL WITH THEM,
EVER, FORGIVE HIM FOR WHAT HE DID
BUT I WILL NEVER,

I CAN DO IT.
I HAVE TO.
I'LL KILL HIM,
AND THEN MYSELF.

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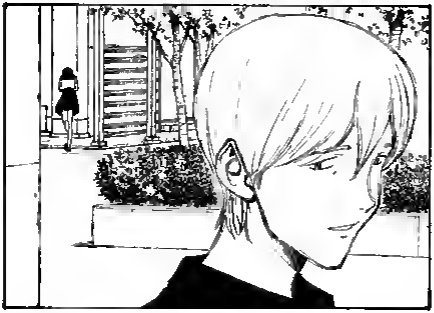
I FEEL SICK...



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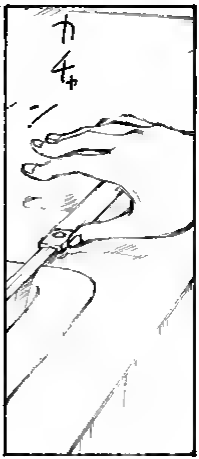
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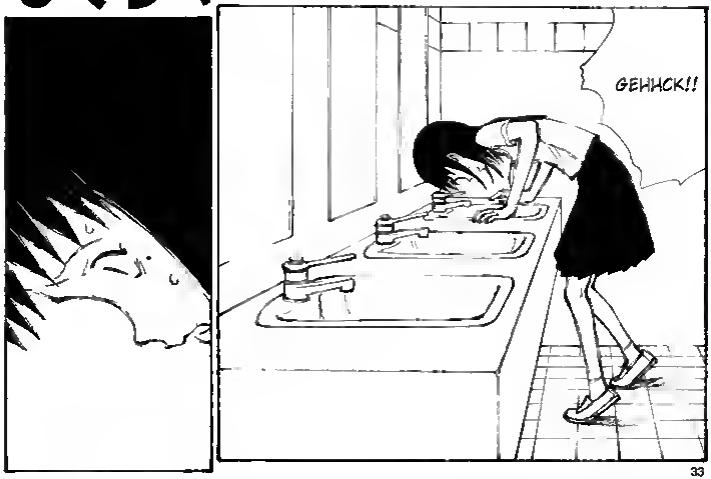
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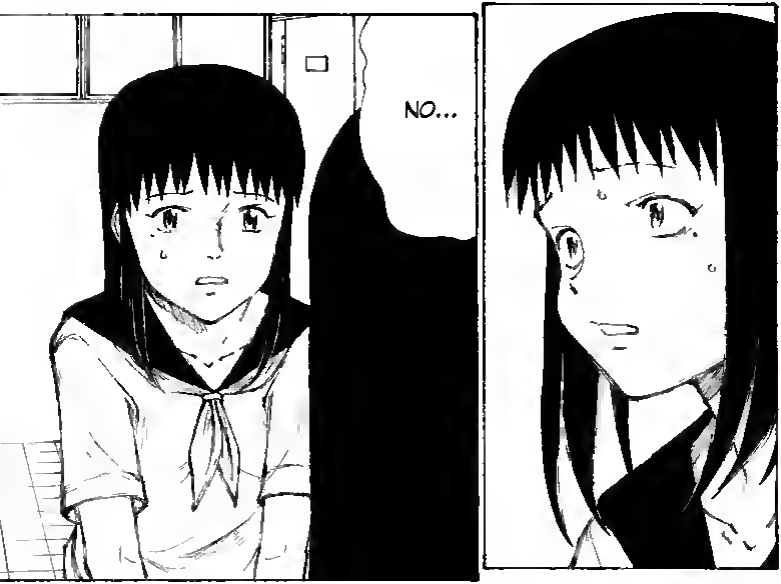
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CHIZURU HONDA (2)

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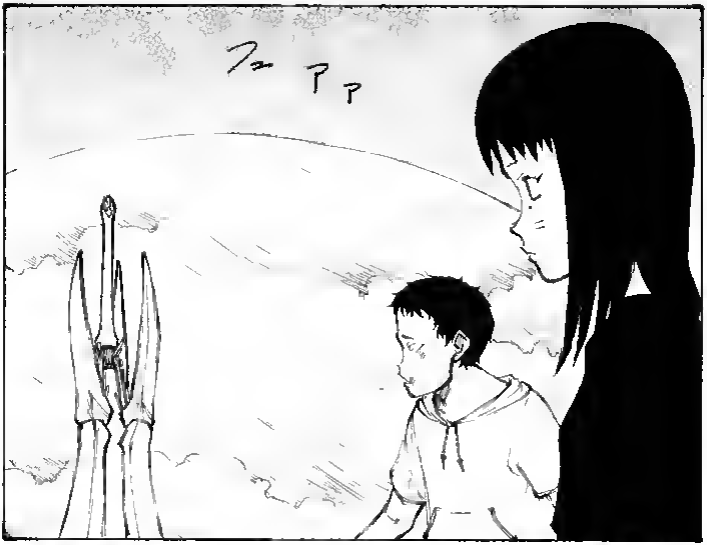
Kito Mohiro



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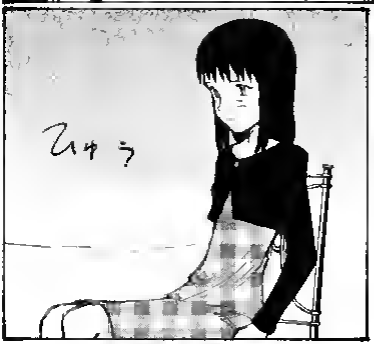

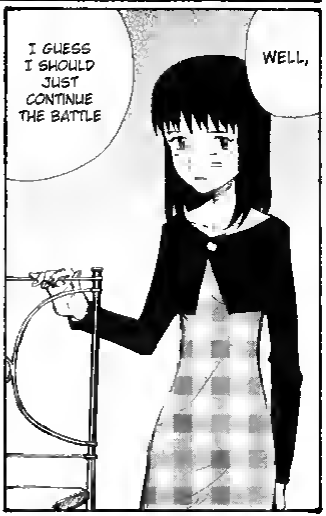

PLEASE DO.
SHOULD I...
CLEAN KAKO UP FOR YOU?
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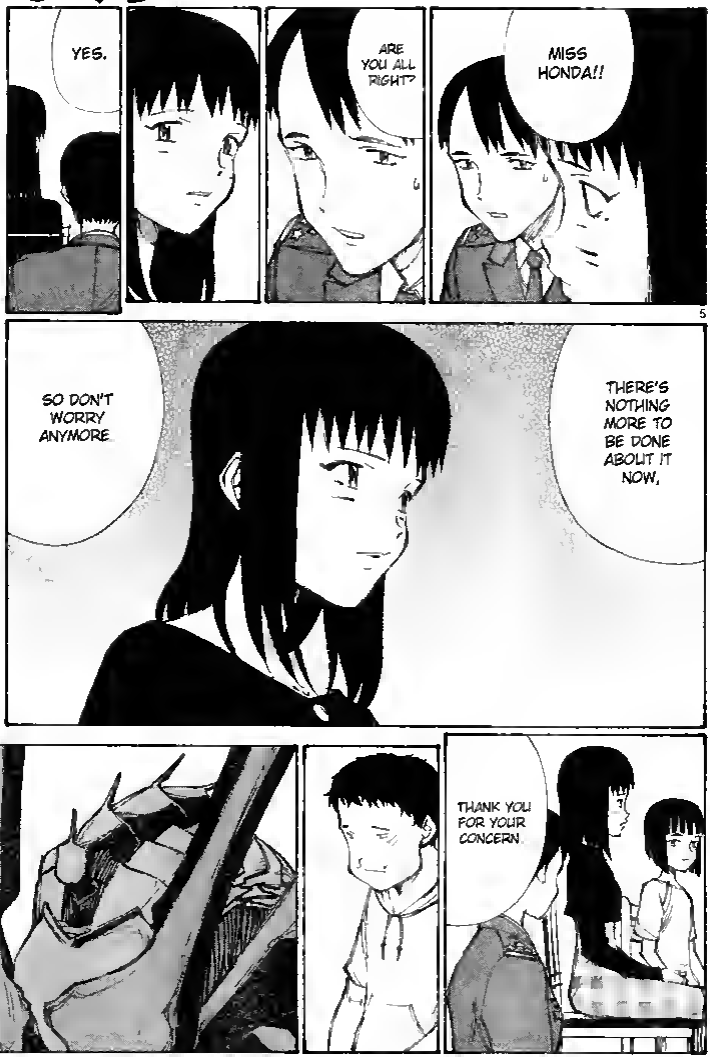
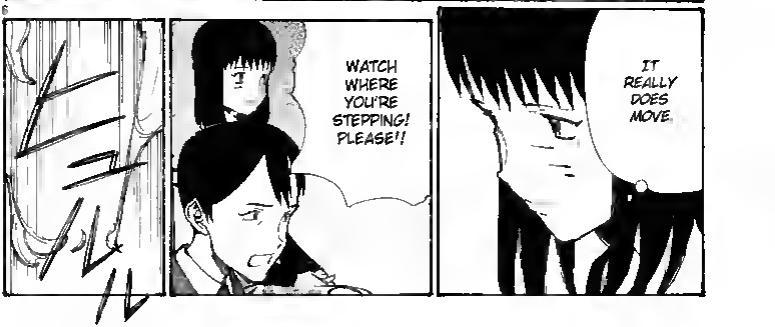
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KIRIE?
THE SITUATION WAS EXTREME, BUT YOU STILL DIDN'T SEE ANYONE SHED A TEAR AT KAKO'S DEATH.
WE GROW GRADUALLY LESS SENSITIVE TO DEATH.
SO... YOU STILL CARRY A KNIFE...

EVERYONE CRIED...
IT WAS MUCH DIFFERENT WHEN DAICHI AND NAKAMA WENT.
AND MOJI.
THE ONLY ONES WHO DIDN'T WERE ME, USHIRO,
4
HE WON'T CRY...
WHICH MEANS,
...IS THINKING THE SAME WAY I DO
PUTTING USHIRO ASIDE FOR A MOMENT, IT MIGHT JUST TURN OUT THAT MOJI...


YES.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MISS HONDA!!
5
SO DON'T WORRY ANYMORE
THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO BE DONE ABOUT IT NOW,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN.

THE ENEMY IS APPROACHING AGAIN!!
HERE IT COMES!!


IT REALLY DOES MOVE.
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE STEPPING! PLEASE!!

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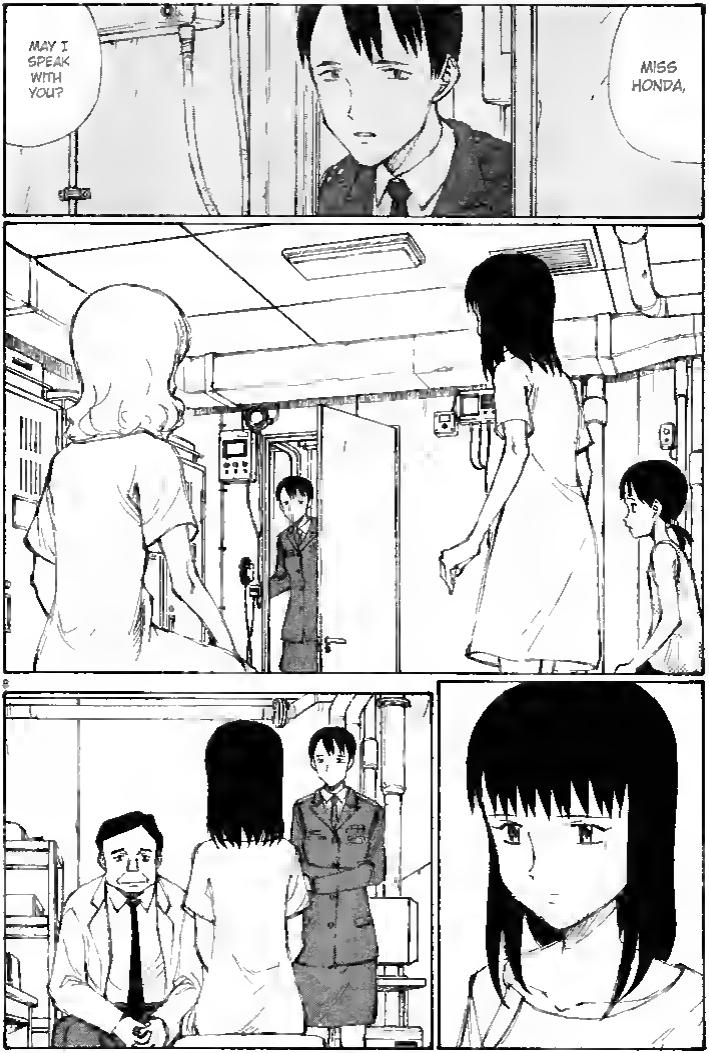
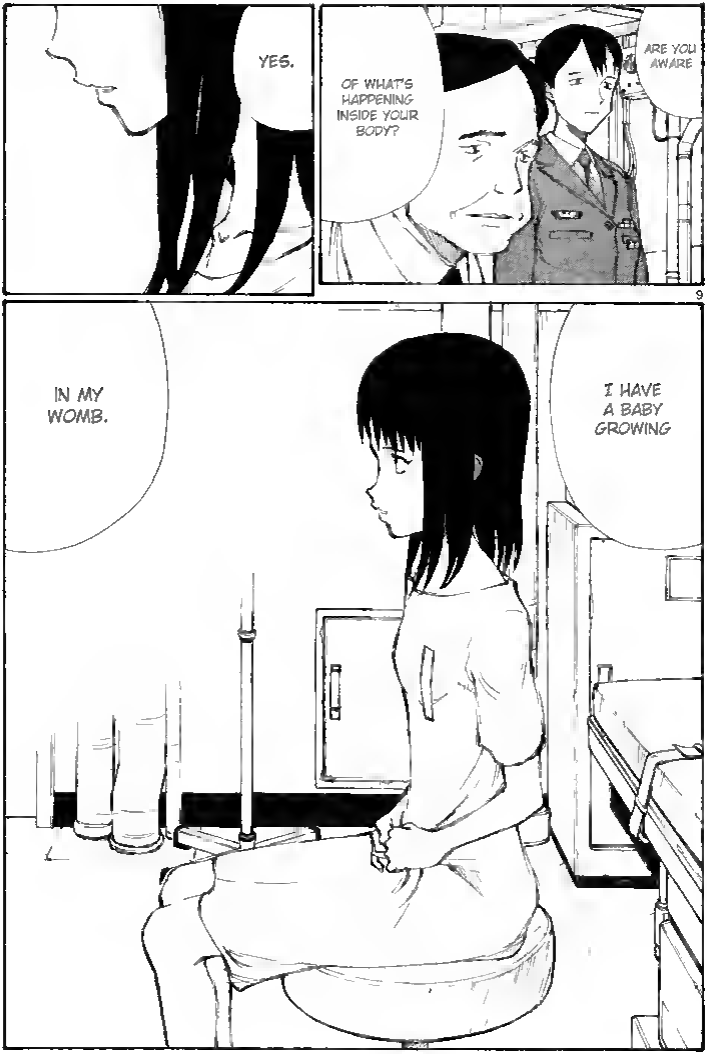
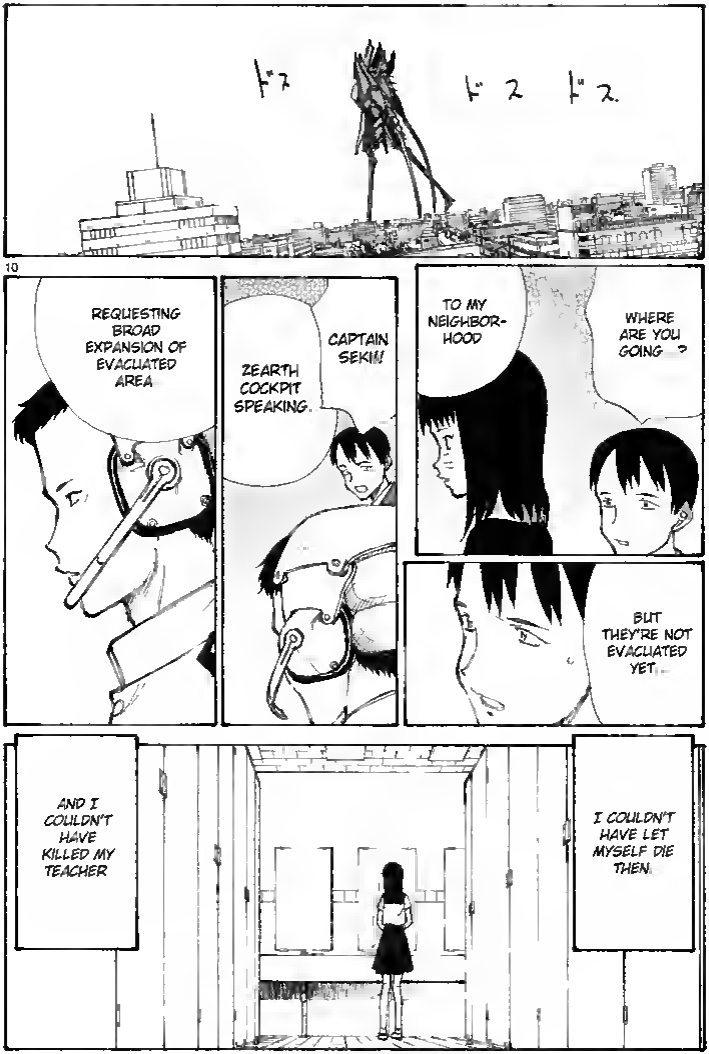
MISS HONDA ...?


MAY I SPEAK WITH YOU?
MISS HONDA,


YES.
OF WHAT'S HAPPENING INSIDE YOUR BODY?
ARE YOU AWARE
I HAVE A BABY GROWING
IN MY WOMB.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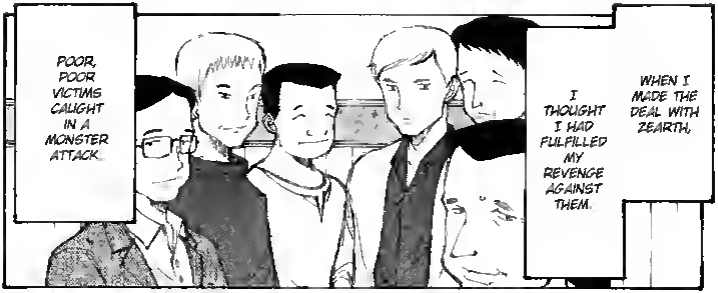
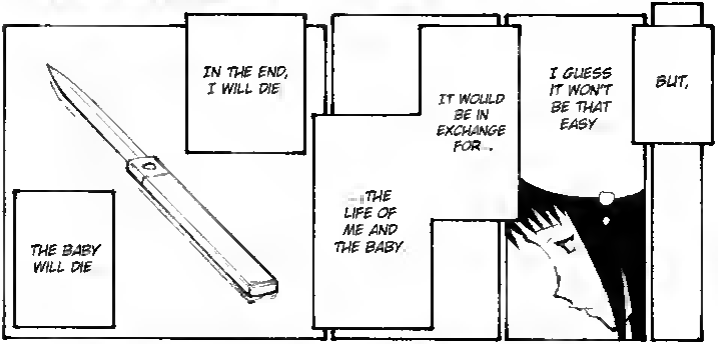
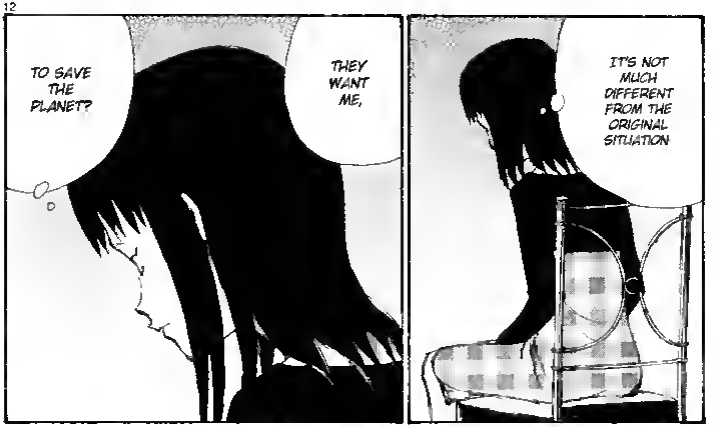
REQUESTING BROAD EXPANSION OF EVACUATED AREA
CAPTAIN SEKI!!
ZEARTH COCKPIT SPEAKING.
TO MY NEIGHBOR-HOOD
WHERE ARE YOU GOING ?
BUT THEY'RE NOT EVACUATED YET...
AND I COULDN'T HAVE KILLED MY TEACHER
I COULDN'T HAVE LET MYSELF DIE THEN.

FOR THE BABY'S SAKE...
SO THAT IT WOULDN'T GROW UP WITH A CRIMINAL FOR A MOTHER.
BUT,
HUH?
PREG-NANT?
GREAT NEWS
WE CAN EVEN GET A CHILDBIRTH VIDEO
DON'T WORRY
I KNOW A DOCTOR WHO WORKS AT A MATERNITY CLINIC
HE CAN CLAIM THAT THE CHILD
WAS DEAD AT DELIVERY.


POOR, POOR VICTIMS CAUGHT IN A MONSTER ATTACK.
I THOUGHT I HAD FULFILLED MY REVENGE AGAINST THEM.
WHEN I MADE THE DEAL WITH ZEARTH,


IN THE END, I WILL DIE
IT WOULD BE IN EXCHANGE FOR...
I GUESS IT WON'T BE THAT EASY
BUT,
THE BABY WILL DIE
...THE LIFE OF ME AND THE BABY.


TO SAVE THE PLANET?
THEY WANT ME,
IT'S NOT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THE ORIGINAL SITUATION

I KNOW WHERE HE IS.
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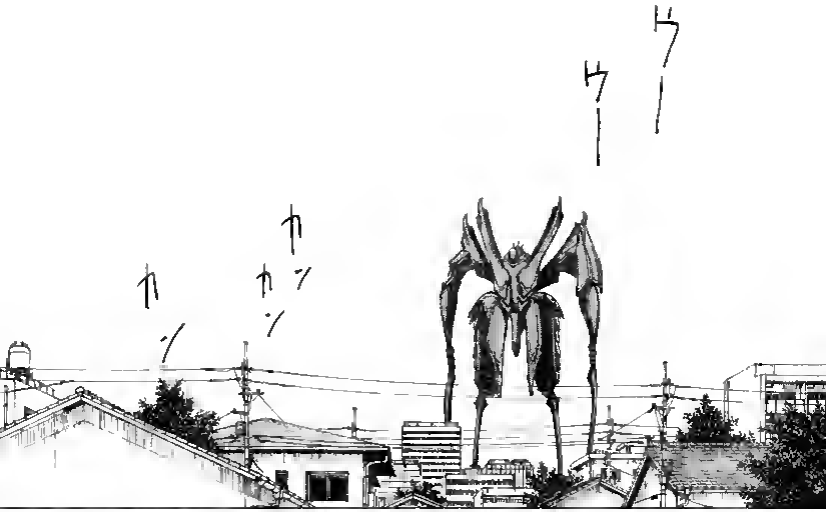
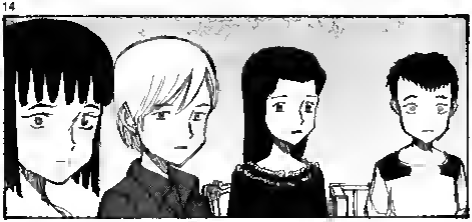
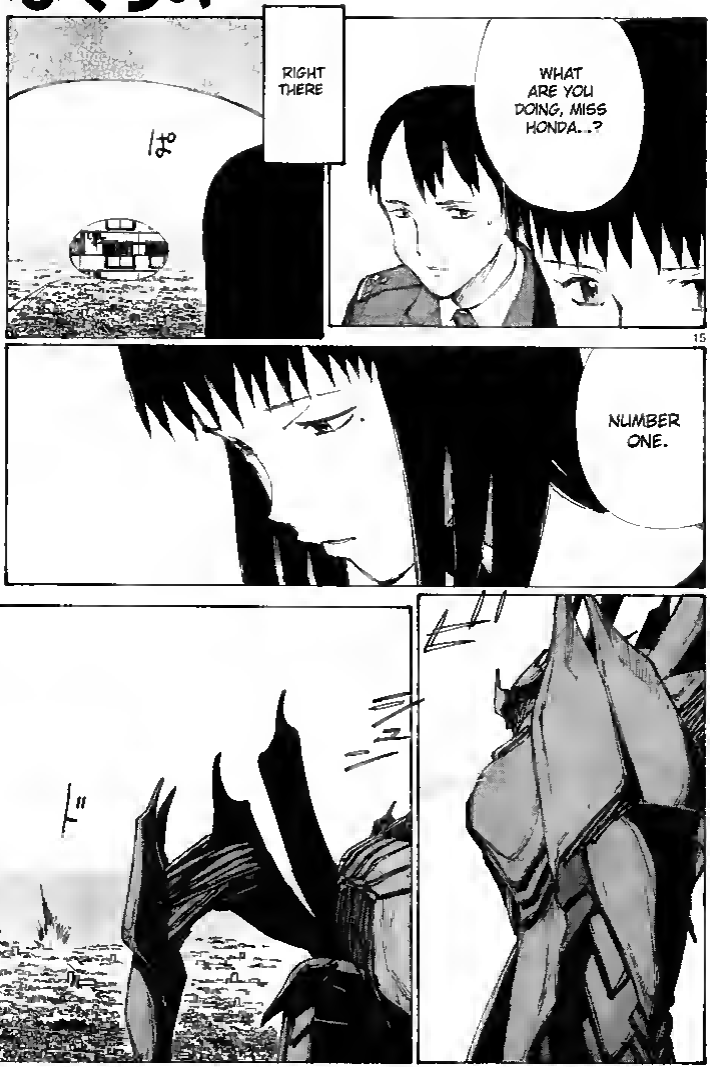
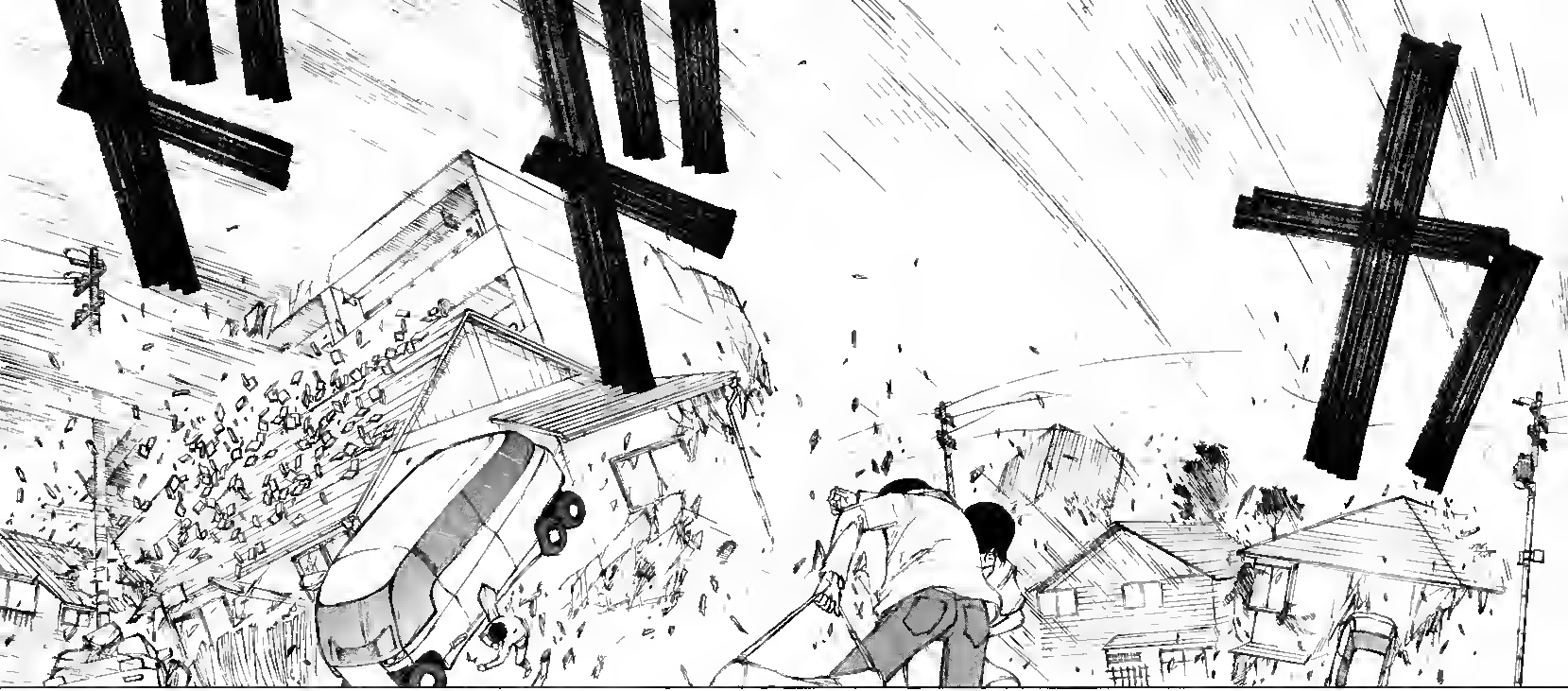
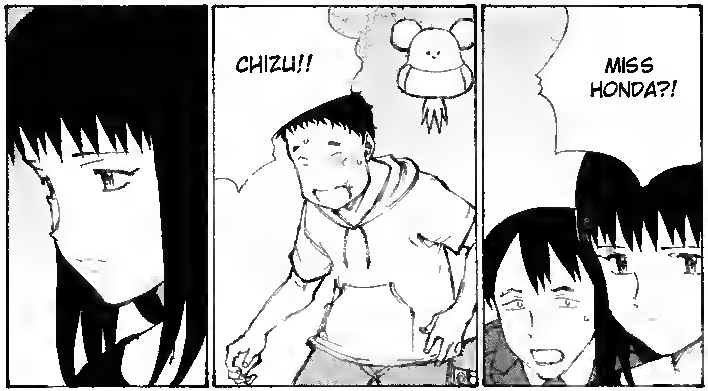
I KNOW WHERE THE OTHER MEN ARE, TOO
MUST BE ZEARTH'S POWERS...?
I'M GOING,
TO SEE THEM
YOU ARE GOING
TO DIE,
WITH ME
AND MY BABY.

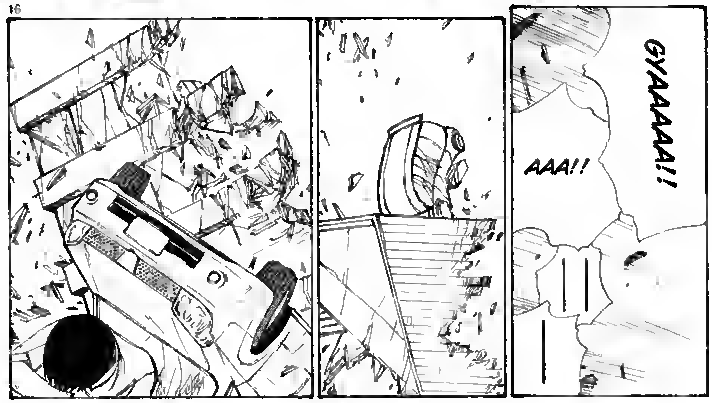


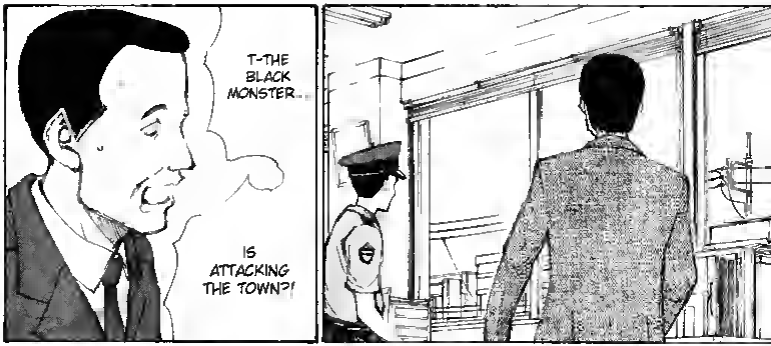


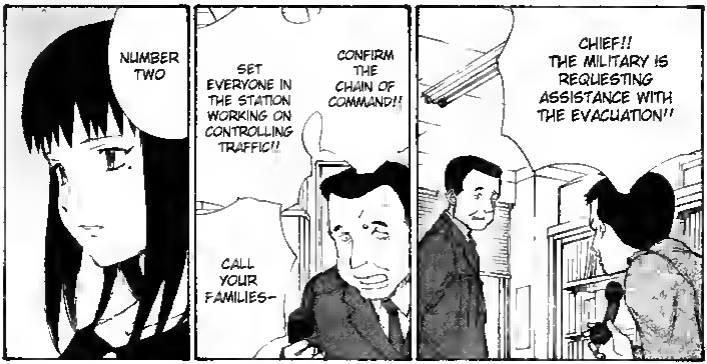

RIGHT THERE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MISS HONDA..?
NUMBER ONE.




CHIZU!!
MISS HONDA?!


GYAAAAA!!
AAA!!


T-THE BLACK MONSTER...
IS ATTACKING THE TOWN?!


NUMBER TWO
SET EVERYONE IN THE STATION WORKING ON CONTROLLING TRAFFIC!!
CONFIRM THE CHAIN OF COMMAND!!
CALL YOUR FAMILIES-
CHIEF!! THE MILITARY IS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE WITH THE EVACUATION!!

HUH?

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THE BABY AND I ARE GOING TO DIE, RIGHT?
WELL,

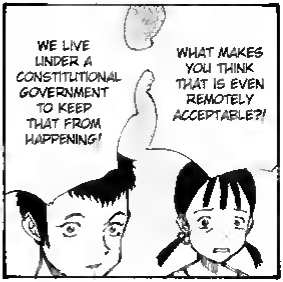
DO YOU EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS YOU'RE DOING?!
MISS HONDA!!

THEN GO AHEAD AND MAKE A WORLD WITH A PERFECT GOVERNMENT.
CONSTI-TUTIONAL GOVERN-MENT?

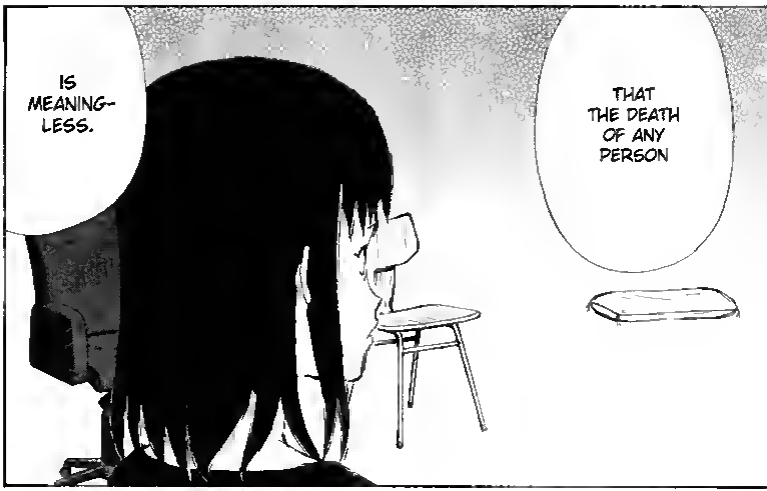
CHIZU THIS IS JUST WHAT KAKO WOULD DO...

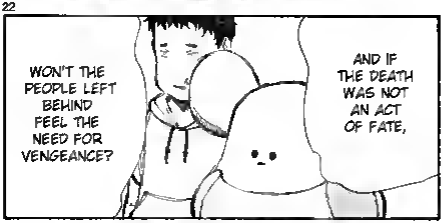
THAT I WANT TO DIE?
SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH KILLING THOSE

I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO WAIT FOR THAT TO HAPPEN
HOWEVER,

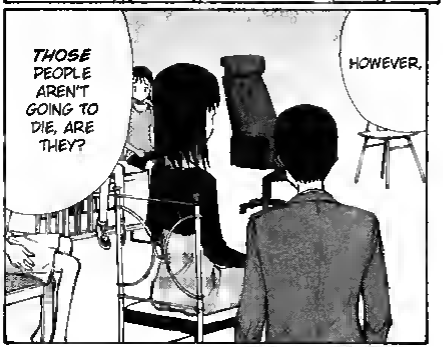

WE LIVE UNDER A CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT TO KEEP THAT FROM HAPPENING!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT IS EVEN REMOTELY ACCEPTABLE?!

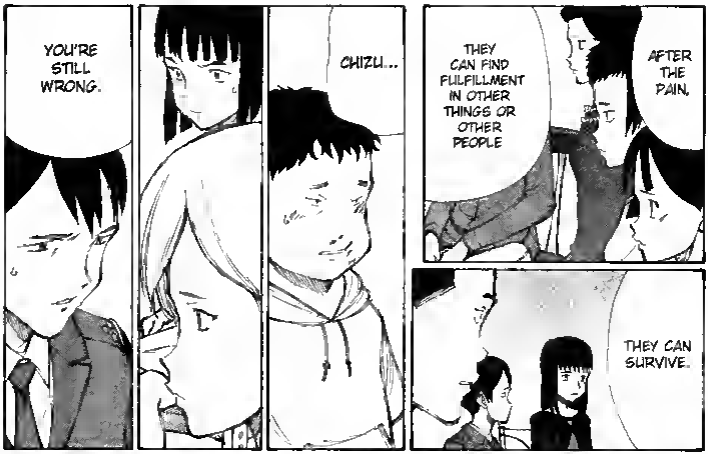
YOU MUSN'T TAKE THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM WHO ARE INNOCENT.
EVEN IF YOU WERE ALLOWED TO TAKE REVENGE,
COINCI-DENCE?
CIRCUM-STANCE?
INEVITA-BILITY?
FATE?
THEN TELL ME,
WHY DO I HAVE TO DIE?
WHY DO I HAVE TO DIE?
WHY DOES THIS BABY HAVE TO DIE?
AND I DECIDED
THOSE ARE ALL I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT.
FOR THE PAST MONTH,

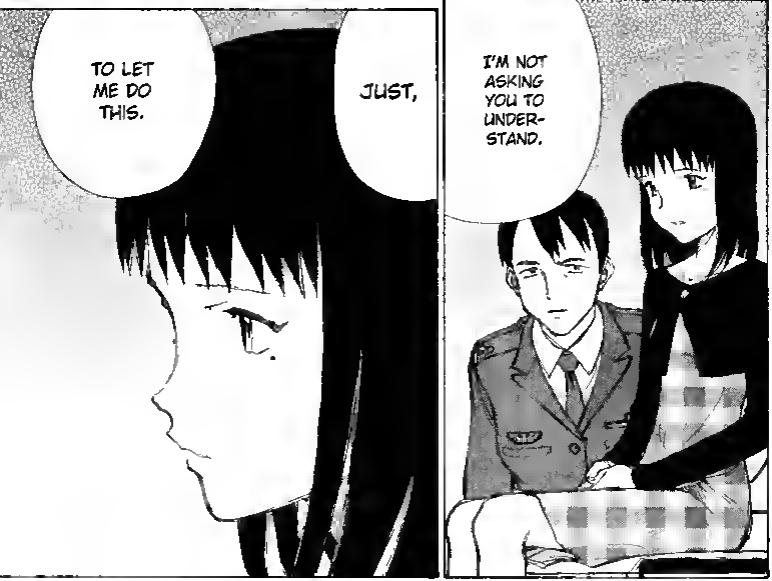

THAT THE DEATH OF ANY PERSON
IS MEANING-LESS.

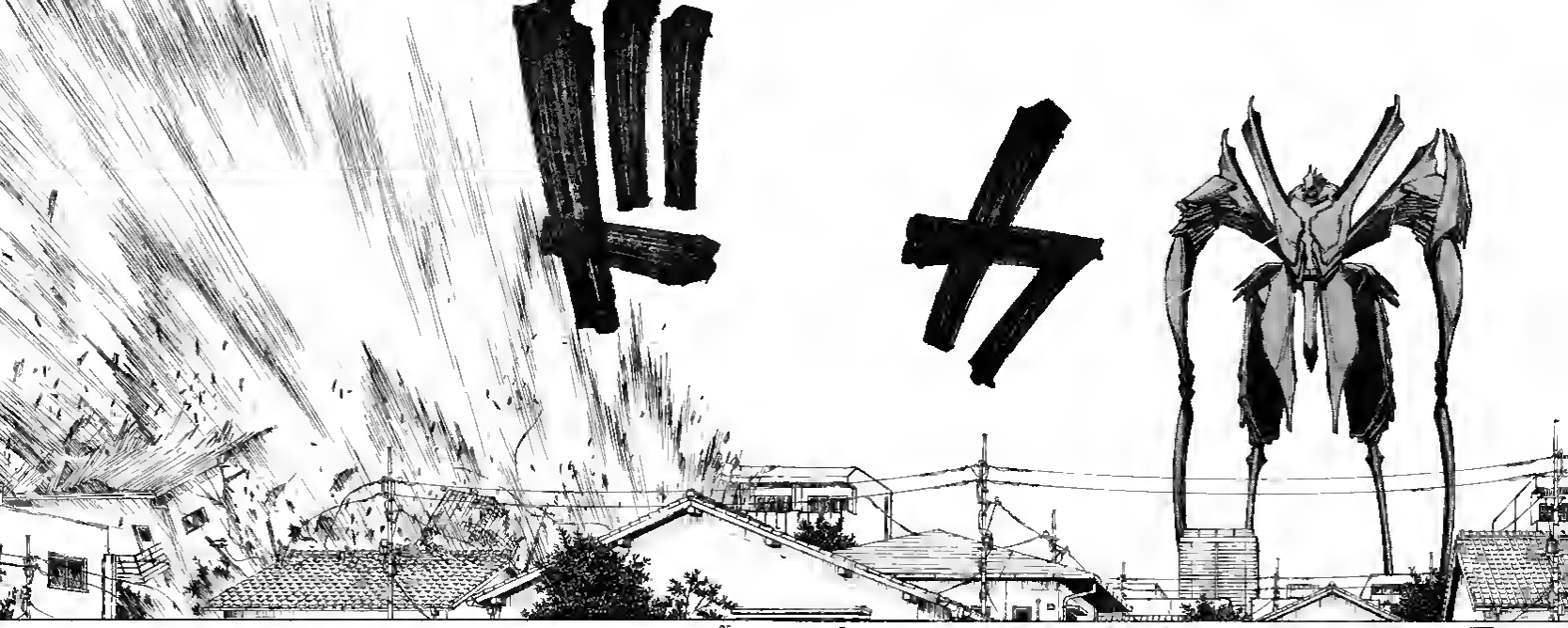

AND IF THE DEATH WAS NOT AN ACT OF FATE,
WON'T THE PEOPLE LEFT BEHIND FEEL THE NEED FOR VENGEANCE?

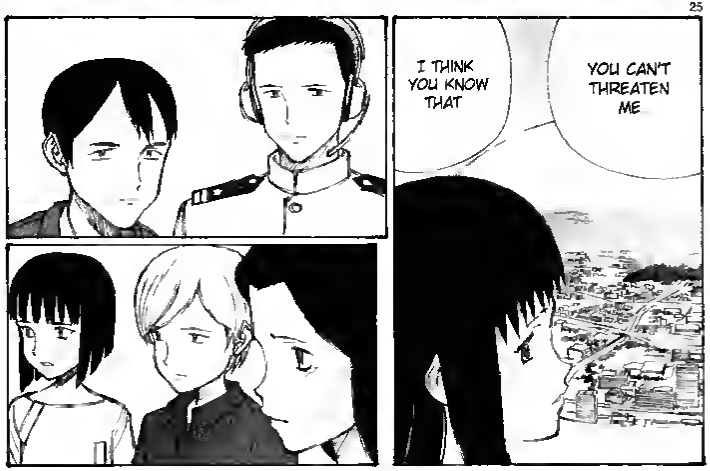
THAT MIGHT BE TRUE IN THE BROAD SENSE,
BUT NOT FOR THE PEOPLE LEFT BEHIND, IS IT?


HOWEVER,
THOSE PEOPLE AREN'T GOING TO DIE, ARE THEY?


YOU'RE STILL WRONG.
CHIZU...
THEY CAN FIND FULFILLMENT IN OTHER THINGS OR OTHER PEOPLE
AFTER THE PAIN,
THEY CAN SURVIVE.

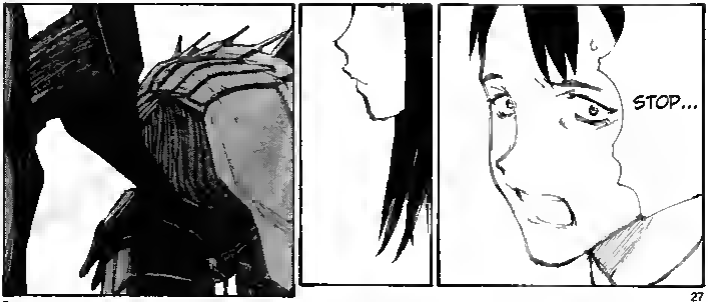

TO LET ME DO THIS.
JUST,
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO UNDER-STAND.




I THINK YOU KNOW THAT
YOU CAN'T THREATEN ME

NUMBER FOUR.
UNFORTU-NATELY NOT
CAPTAIN SEKI,
ARE YOU ARMED?

NUMBER FIVE.
NUMBER SIX.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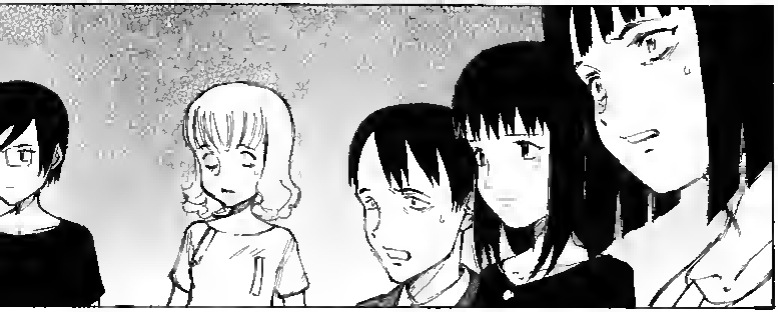
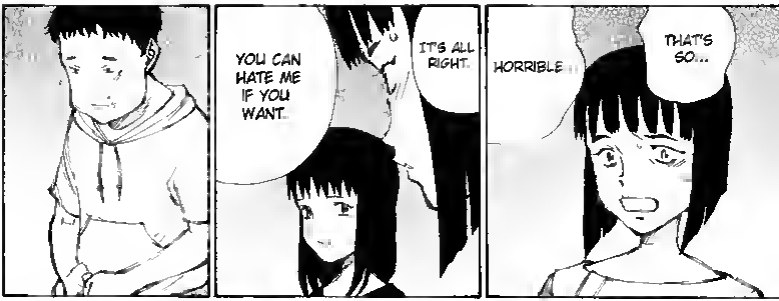
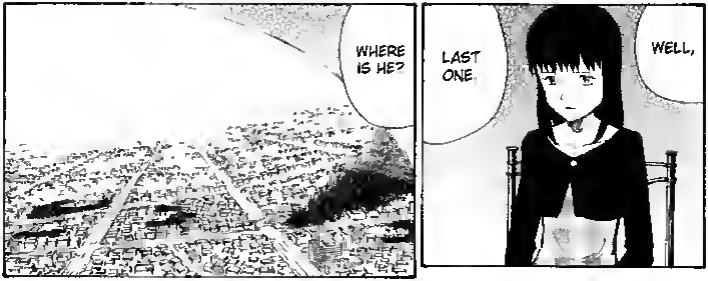
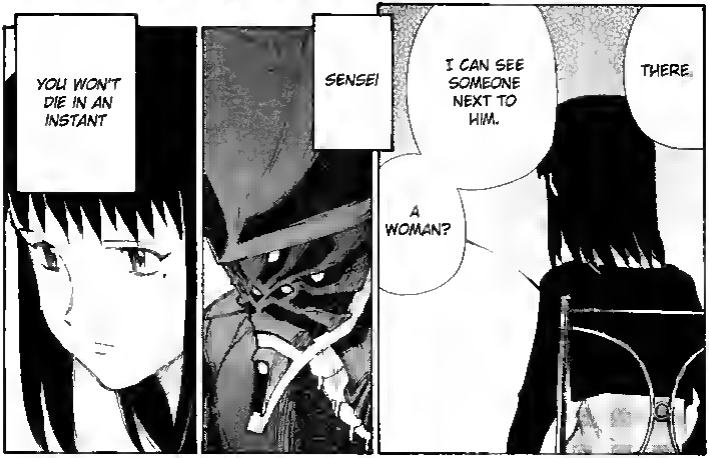



YOU CAN HATE ME IF YOU WANT.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
HORRIBLE...
THAT'S SO...


WHERE IS HE?
LAST ONE.
WELL,


YOU WON'T DIE IN AN INSTANT
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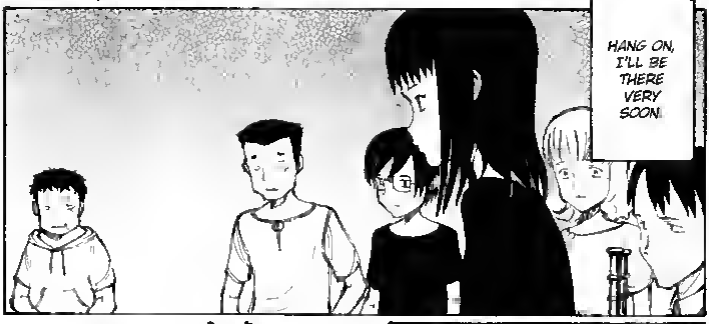
I CAN SEE SOMEONE NEXT TO HIM.
A WOMAN?
THERE.


HANG ON, I'LL BE THERE VERY SOON.

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A CAR ...?

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COME ON OUT.
THERE YOU ARE

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